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Socceroo Swansong for Arok

BY LOU GAUTIER

FRIDAY'S Australia v Torpedo Moscow match at Olympic Park will be coach Frank Arok's 90th in charge of the Socceroos — and it may well be his last.

Arok, who last weekend was awarded an Australian Medal in the Australia Day honours' list, was snubbed by the Australian Soccer Federation when they decided to advertise world-wide for the position of national coach.

While Arok, who has a contract with the ASF until July, has yet to decide whether he will apply to retain his post, I would be surprised if such a proud man would want to bring humiliation on himself after what he has achieved with the Socceroos.

Arok's record with the Socceroos speaks for itself.

He has won 40 matches, drawn 23 and lost 26.

Under Arok, the Socceroos have scored 143 goals and conceded 90 since mid-1983 — an outstanding record in anybody's language.

For what may be his finale, Arok is likely to field several players who did not appear in the first match against the Russians at Sydney Football Stadium on January 19.



FRANK AROK

Players from his Melbourne train-on squad will be given a run as Australia embarks on its 1994 World Cup campaign.

It just does not make sense that Arok should be in charge of the Socceroos as they embark on their next World Cup cycle if he

is not to be at the helm when the qualification games come along.

A new coach will, quite naturally, select his own players and more precious time will have been wasted.

However, at this stage what matters is Friday's match against a classy Soviet side which won't be bothered with the sentimentality of the occasion.

They will be out to confirm their 2-0 win in Sydney, and from what we saw in the first match they start firm favourites.

The reshuffled Aussie team will be playing for themselves and for Arok.

They would love to see the "boss" make his exit from the international stage with win number 41.

The tour promoters have added another match to Torpedo's tour programme.

On Monday evening, February 5, they will take on Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium in an all too rare head-to-head confrontation between Australian and European club sides.



Graham Arnold and his nemesis, Torpedo Moscow goalkeeper Valeri Sarichev, in the Muscovites' 2-0 win in Sydney. Can the Socceroos square the series on Friday? — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

ASW Player of the Year award

BY GREG BLAKE

OUT-of-favour Sydney Olympic striker Kevin Hagan is the new leader in the race for the first-ever ASW Player of the Year award.

But Hagan, who is being hotly pressed for top spot, can only afford to miss two more games for the season if he is to qualify for the award.

The good news for Hagan and every other QNSL player in contention for Player of the Year is that there will now be a tangible reward for their efforts.

Melbourne's Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre has come to the party to sponsor the award and at the end of

the season the QNSL player with the best points average, based on ASW's exclusive rating system, will receive a handsome trophy and a \$250 cheque for his efforts.

Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre proprietor Nick Van Egmond told ASW this week that his is "proud to be associated with Australian Soccer Weekly for the first time."

"It's a fair system to decide the best player of the season in Australia's premier competition."

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Mariani aims to Torpedo Russians

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW State coach Berti Mariani is confident for tonight's (Wednesday) match against the visiting Moscow Torpedo at Brandon Park, Fairy Meadow.



BERTI MARIANI

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Robert Hooker

Mariani has built his team on Marconi and Sydney Olympic players.

Almost certain to kick off are Bob Catlin in goal and fullbacks David Barrett and Jean-Paul de Marigny.

Robbie Wheatley, Steve Calderan and Robbie Hooker will compete for the two central defence spots.

The midfield will include Gary Phillips, Peter Katholos and Apia's exceptionally talented young linkman Brian Ellam.

Marconi's clever striker, David Lowe, is certain to be one of the strikers, spearheading the NSW attack.

"Migration made soccer in Australia, and overseas-born people ran the organisations.

"At this stage the

Sam Papasavas predicts 'professional' approach

BY KEITH GILMOUR

QUIT National Soccer League chairman Sam Papasavas is looking to some dramatic improvements in professionalism in Australian soccer over the next five years.

Speaking to ABC Radio in a wide-ranging half-hour session, he was, however, quick to admit that professionalism is "somewhat off" on the Australian scene.

"The ideal situation is one in which players train every day, and think, eat and breath football."

"We have made some progress in that field, in that one club in Sydney has some players who are fully professional.

"It is something that has to come if we are to reach the stage when we are fully competitive with the major nations of Europe and South America," he said.

Mr Papasavas foresees a gradual change in the Australian club scene.

"The major clubs are nationalistic, but there has been a breaking down of this situation.



CRAIG JOHNSTON — \$2 million transfer.

next generation — those born in Australia — have become prominent on the playing side.

"The next few years will see changes to the people who are running the game, and to those who are watching it, as people blend into the



SAM PAPASAVAS

Australian scene."

Mr Papasavas spoke of a "dramatic improvement" that came with the establishment of the

NSL in 1977, tracing through from the days of wholesale importing of players to the present situation where many of the best Australian products head for Europe.

if they have the necessary qualifications such as birth in the particular country or qualification through their parents' country of origin.

At the same time he lamented the loss of key national team players, in whom "a lot of money has been invested (in Australia)".

Background

The radio presenter traced through some elements in the establishment of the game (first up Wanderers v The Kings School on the Parramatta Common on August 14, 1880), and Australia's participation in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

Highlighting the birth of the era of Australian players to Europe, there

was cover for the brash 15-year-old Craig Johnston setting off from Newcastle to join Middlesbrough, his \$A2 million transfer to Liverpool and the 1986 FA Cup final goal.

Also winning mention was Tony Dorigo, the Adelaide lad who is now of England quality.

Whilst instancing the Australian players who have reached for the top in England, Greece, and Belgium and now France, Mr Papasavas recognised that there was no similar situation with Australian coaches.

He did, however, see the possibility of benefits arising for the national team with the NSL's transferring to a summer season.

"Matching our season to Europe's gives us the chance to get our players back for international games in our off-season (June, July).

"It should benefit the Socceroos immensely."

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Match of the round at Somers Street

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

AS the Quit National Soccer League turns for home, and towards the business end of the season, the feature match this weekend should be the clash of title contenders Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Olympic at Somers Street on Saturday.

The points are obviously valuable to both sides in order to stay in contention with the "Italian" trio of Marconi, Apia and Adelaide City at the top of the ladder and a loss, particularly for the Melbourne side, would drop them further out of top five.

Again Croatia must juggle their line-up with

an increasing injury toll that includes Paul Donnelly and Joe Caleta injured in the loss to Apia last week, while John Markovski still appears to lack peak match fitness.

On the positive side, Milosevic and Zeljko Adzic are back in fine touch and again Adzic is sniffing out the important goals.

ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Late penalty saves Melita

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

A Greg Brown penalty four minutes into injury time gave a determined Melita Eagles a dramatic late equaliser in their 1-1 draw against Sydney Croatia at Edensor Park on Friday night.

With the seconds ticking away and anxious Croatia fans imploring referee Gary Power to blow the final whistle, defender Alan Hunter was forced to bring down Marshall Soper in full flight leaving Power little alternative than to throw the Eagles a lifeline which Brown gratefully accepted.

Up until that time Croatia looked set to grab a narrow victory after young striker David Seal celebrated his 18th birthday with a goal which broke the deadlock in the 56th minute.

Seal nipped in to capitalise on a misunderstanding between goalkeeper Alex McPherson and defender Craig Williams to stab home a Graham Arnold header and bring to an end McPherson's long run of not having been beaten in the previous five matches.

Melita's task of getting back into the game

looked almost hopeless when central defender Alfredo Barrios was sent off in the 70th minute for a reckless challenge on Manis Lamond shortly after being cautioned but the gallant Eagles kept battling away and in the end, their brave efforts paid off.

Despite Barrios' dismissal, the Eagles showed great character to hit back in the remaining 20 minutes against a Croatia side which looked quite happy to simply protect their narrow lead.

Brown's fiercely struck freekick from outside the area brought out a spectacular save out of Tony Franken and Aytek Genc twice narrowly missed the target with long range attempts before the Eagles finally earned their just reward with that last-gasp equaliser.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Frankan 7, Savor 6, Grbevski 5, Hunter 6, Jones 6, Kupresak 6, Ricoy 5, Rumora 5, Arnold 6, Seal 6, Lamond 5.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 7, Williams 5 (Farrugia 67m), O'Donnell 6, Barrios 5 (sent off 70m), Gonzalez 5, Callanan 6, Carro 5, Vial 6, Soper 6, Genc 6, Brown 5.

Scorers: Seal 56m for Croatia; Brown (pen) 94m for Melita.

Referee: Gary Power 7. **Yellow Cards:** O'Donnell 26m, Barrios 51m for Melita. **Red Card:** Barrios 70m for Melita. **Crowd:** 4835.

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Melbourne Croatia's John Markovski against Apia last Friday. He will have to be fitter to make an impression on the tough Sydney Olympic defence this weekend — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Sydney Olympic halted their recent slump with three points last weekend but have lost their last three away from home and have never won at Melbourne Croatia.

Confidence

Sydney Croatia won't have to travel when they meet St George as the match is played at the Croatian Sports Centre — Sunday at 6pm.

Three points last week, including the stunning 3-1 win against South Melbourne, have dragged Sydney Croatia from immediate danger while the Saints could only manage a draw with bottom side Blacktown and have slipped towards the relegation area.

Along with the return of custodian Tony Franken to add further stability to the defence, Croatia have Graham Arnold, Manis Lamond and David Seal inizzling form, and should be too good for the troubled Saints.

Andy Harper should be back after suspension for the Saints, but

Croatia have won their last three matches away from home and should win to reverse the Round 2 result.

Wollongong play host to leaders Apia, with both sides looking to return to the winner's circle after losses to the Adelaide clubs last weekend.

Although Apia went down to Adelaide Hellas on Sunday, they hold on to top spot while Wollongong have not won

for five matches and have lost touch in front of goal, scoring only once in as many matches.

The Wolves' troubles should deepen as Apia would be expected to win easily despite losing to Wollongong for the first time in five years back in Round 2.

Third-placed Adelaide City venture to Melita Stadium in a match that will test the much-improved Eagles.



Apia's Tony Pezzano foils Melbourne Croatia's Joe Caleta at Lambert Park last Friday. Pezzano will carry a big "load" against Wollongong on Saturday — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Despite a run of injuries to key players, Adelaide last week stretched their run to six games without defeat, while Steve Maxwell yet again impressed with a fine hat-trick.

Melita recently climbed off the bottom with a fine unbeaten run but must win at home this week following the loss to Sunshine last week in the Maltese Derby.

With only 10 goals in 14 matches Eagles' coach Raul Blanco must find a way to provide some support for Greg Brown, who continues to score regularly but new signings Sergio Falce and Marshall Soper have failed to make an impression on the scoresheet this season.

Adelaide City, on a roll, may be more desperate to stay with the leaders and should win.

Cellar dwellers Blacktown meet second-placed Marconi on Saturday and another

The St George v Sydney Croatia match on Sunday at the Croatian Sports Centre kicks off at 6pm. The match is Saints' home game.

loss could spell the beginning of the end for the Demons.

With strikers Fred de Jong overseas and Zlatko Nastevski injured, Marconi have not won for four matches and could only manage two draws in last weekend's double-round to remain just two points from the leaders.

Blacktown shocked the champions in Round 2 with a stunning 3-1 victory but have not tasted victory in 10 matches and will probably continue that trend on Saturday at Marconi Stadium.

Improved

The inconsistent South Melbourne lost some ground to the leaders with the loss to the improved Sydney Croatia last week, and must take on the revived Sunshine at Middle Park on Sunday.

South coach Ferenc Puskas will look to the in-form Peter Tsolakis and the return to peak fitness of striker Paul Trimboli to keep up the Hellas challenge.

Without Craig Foster and Ossie Latif, George Cross picked up two wins last week, including the Maltese Derby against Melita, and with Dave Clarkson and Company firing again, could upset Souths' title ambitions.

Adelaide Hellas, who provided the upset of the round last week in downing leaders Apia, take on Top Five contender Preston at home on Sunday.

Following a slow start to the season, Preston are now on track to make the finals and should win despite being held to a 0-0 draw early in the season at home to the Adelaide side.

Hellas have finally climbed off the bottom and despite going in as underdogs will be full of confidence and more than a handful for Preston.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apia Leichhardt	14	8	4	2	22	11	20
Marconi	14	6	6	2	27	14	18
Adelaide City	14	7	4	3	21	14	18
Sydney Olympic	14	7	3	4	21	10	17
South Melbourne	14	7	3	4	20	12	17
Preston	13	6	3	4	16	14	15
Melbourne Croatia	13	5	4	4	23	16	14
Sunshine GC	14	5	4	5	19	23	14
Sydney Croatia	14	5	2	7	20	23	12
Parramatta Melita	14	4	4	6	10	15	12
St George BSC	14	3	5	6	16	25	11
Wollongong City	14	4	3	7	12	22	11
Adelaide Hellas	14	3	2	9	14	29	8
Blacktown City	14	2	3	9	15	26	7

* Played on Monday

Results

ROUND 13: ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A. Vidmar, S. Melita) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 10556.
 APIA LEICHARDT 2 (R. Brown, A. Bundalo) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Z. Adzic) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1805.
 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (P. Foster) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 1578.
 PRESTON 2 (A. Zinni, G. Jolevski) MARCONI 2 (S. Glavovic, T. McCulloch) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4182.
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M. Perinovic) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3160.
 SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (D. Seal) PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES 1 (G. Brown) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4835.
 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (P. Tsolakis, P. Trimboli) ST GEORGE BSC 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2516.
ROUND 14: SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (J. Campbell, P. Foster, D. Clarkson) PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES 1 (G. Brown) at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 1576.
 ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (R. Slager, A. Kidd) APIA LEICHARDT 1 (A. Bundalo) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 6854 (double-header).
 ADELAIDE CITY 3 (S. Maxwell 3) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 6854 (double-header).
 SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (D. Seal, A. Hunter, M. Lamond) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (P. Tsolakis) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3486.
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (S. Georgakis) MARCONI 1 (S. Glavovic) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4571.
 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (E. Ferguson) ST GEORGE 1 (T. Krslovic) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1189.

Crowds

ROUND 13: 28,630.
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 4,090.

ROUND 14: 17,676*
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 2,946*
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 305,306*
 AVERAGE PER ROUND: 21,734*

* does not include Monday's Preston v Melbourne Croatia game.

Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi)	11
Rod Brown (Apia Leichhardt)	10
Greg Brown (Parramatta Melita)	7
David Seal (Sydney Croatia)	7
Joe Caleta (Melb Croatia)	6
Tony Krslovic (St George)	6
Abbas Saad (Sydney Olympic)	6
Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)	6

Team of Round 13

S. Keogh (Sunshine)
 S. Murphy (Blacktown)
 H. Michell (South Melbourne)
 M. Durakovic (South Melbourne)
 G. Jolevski (Preston)
 P. Carter (Blacktown)
 D. Clarkson (Sunshine)
 T. McCulloch (Marconi)
 P. Katholos (Marconi)
 A. Bundalo (Apia)
 A. Vidmar (Ad City)

Player of Round 13

Sean Keogh (Sunshine)
 The team of Round 14 will be published next week because the Preston v Melbourne Croatia game was played Monday — after we went to press.

Draw no help to Blacktown City

BY ANDY CURTIS

BLACKTOWN are now well and truly floundering at the bottom of the QNSL table after St George held them to a 1-1 draw at Gabbie Stadium Sunday night.

In front of a crowd of 1189 in windswept conditions, the game was a tale of two halves.

With the wind assistance in the first half, Blacktown dominated play totally.

From the 11th minute when Darren Northam fired a great left footed shot across the face of the St George goal, merely shaving the right post, Blacktown looked a very committed side.

Their defence was workmanlike, with young Shaun Murphy smothering a number of St George attacking raids.

The St George attack revolved around putting



Graham Jennings and Joe Caleta jump for the ball at Lambert Park on Australia Day. Apia beat Melbourne Croatia 2-1 — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

the high ball up against the wind testing out keeper Steve Mautone who was equal to the occasion, saving every-

thing the St George attack threw at him. In the 22nd minute Gibson for Blacktown crossed from the left

hand side and found Eric Ferguson looming on the right on the penalty area.

With great composure, Ferguson thundered a right foot shot into the net leaving Filan no chance of saving.

The second half saw a rejuvenated St George putting together some constructive play through the centre.

Blacktown	St George
Mautone	7
Carter	5
Yankos	6
Reynolds	5
Northam	5
Murphy	5
Gibson	5
Maier	5
Odzakov	5
Arambasic	5
(Gunning 56m)	(Kakakios 32m, 5)
Ferguson	5

Scorers: Ferguson 22m for Blacktown; Krslovic 63m for St George.

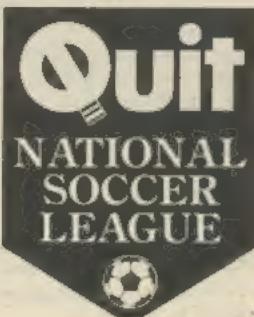
Yellow card: Ilic 38m for St George.

Referee: B. Monteverde 6.

Crowd: 1189.

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Grand Finalists draw 1-1

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC left back Steve Georgakis salvaged a precious NSL point for his side by scoring the equaliser just nine minutes after halftime to hold Marconi to a 1-1 draw at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

Georgakis, who had been well off form over the last three games due to a severe groin injury, stole the ball from Marconi's young Paul Okon some 20 metres from goal and weaved his way past another two.

Then, in one fluent movement, he calmly dragged the ball from his left foot to blast a first-time right foot flat drive into the bottom right corner of Marconi's net.

Marconi had a slight edge in the first session after opening the score in the ninth minute.

The always industrious and highly underrated David Lowe gathered a ball on the left from his fullback Jean-Paul de Marigny to race to the byeline.

From the line Lowe clipped a short cross to centre-box where Marconi's new Yugoslav striker, Senad Glavovic, had no trouble steering his header into the right-hand corner of Clint Gosling's net.

Marconi's well-oiled midfield quartet of Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch, Paul Okon and Peter Katholos attacked and defended as a unit whilst Olympic tended to rely on individual forays.

Sydney Olympic's back four of Davie Barrett, Nick Plataniotis, Robbie Hooker and Georgakis had erected a solid blue wall right across their goal and rarely looked threatened.

Olympic's giant striker Kevin Hagan caused havoc in the 64th minute when his lethal 14-metre low drive flashed just to the wrong side of Marconi's right post.

But Olympic came



A traffic jam in the Apia defence at Lambert Park as Francis Awaritefe of Melbourne Croatia is surrounded by maroon shirts. Apia won 2-1—HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

alive in the last 25 minutes as they started to knock some long balls up front trying to catch the visitors off-guard in their search for the winner.

Later Marconi's ice-cool manager-coach, Berti Mariani, reflected: "We lost some of our concentration but I felt we did enough to win the match and we put together some nice moves throughout."

Olympic's Barrett, Hooker and Gary Phillips back up tonight for NSW in the match against Moscow Torpedo at Brandon Park, as will Marconi's Bobby

Catlin, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Steve Calder-

an, Peter Katholos and David Lowe.

Sydney Olympic		Marconi	
Gosling	5	Catlin	5
Barrett	5	Van Egmond	5
Plataniotis	7	Calderan	5
Hooker	6	(Colucci 88m)	
Georgakis	6	Wheatley	6
(Dakos 88m)		De Marigny	5
Lee	7	Gray	7
Phillips	6	McCulloch	6
Saad	5	Okon	5
Bernal	6	(Colagiuri 72m)	
Perinovic	6	Katholos	6
Hagan	6	Lowe	7
(Olterenshaw 83m)		Glavovic	6

Scorers: Georgakis for Sydney Olympic 54m; Glavovic 9m for Marconi.

Yellow cards: Barrett 50m for Sydney Olympic;

Glavovic 56m for Marconi.

Referee: R. Lorenc 9.

Crowd: 4571.

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Arnold again inspires surging Sydney Croatia

BY FRANK SCIOLINA

SOCEROO striker Graham Arnold turned on an inspired performance against South Melbourne at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday night to spearhead Sydney Croatia to a solid 3-1 victory and continue their late resurgence under new coach Tony Vrzina.

Arnold worked tirelessly for the full 90 minutes, prompting his teammates from a surprisingly deep position and was always available to help out in defence whenever it was required.

South Melbourne, on the other hand, looked a listless side for most of the game with Paul Trimboli very obviously not fully fit and only Mike Petersen showing any semblance of creativity. When they did start to make a fight of it after an hour, Croatia had already built up a match winning 3-0 lead.

Once again it was young David Seal who opened the score after just 12 minutes when he was in the right spot to ram home his header from a Mike Grbevski cross after Arnold did the lead-up work on the left.

With half an hour gone, Arnold again sent Manis Lamond on his way to send over a good far post cross which Ivan Petkovic just failed to get his head to.

But perhaps the critical point came in the 35th minute with a breathtaking reflex save by Tony Franken after Kim Taliadoros let fly with a vicious drive from close range which had goal written all over it.



David Seal

Seal twice could have got on the scoresheet again just before the break but sent his shot

Sydney Croatia	
Franken	7
Savor	6
Grbevski	6
Hunter	6
Jones	7
Kupresak	6
(Popovic 87m)	
Ricoy	5
Petkovic	6
Arnold	8
Seal	6
Lamond	6
(Gojevic 77m)	

Scorer: Seal 12m, Hunter 49m, Lamond 61m for Sydney Croatia; Tsolakis 76m for South Melbourne.

Yellow card: Petersen 20m for South Melbourne.

Referee: B. Davies 6.

Crowd: 3486.

just wide on the first occasion and had a second attempt deflected for a corner.

With only four minutes of the second half gone, Croatia gave itself a two-goal cushion following a Pedro Ricoy free kick from the right. Velimir Kupresak had his header parried by McLaren, but the keeper was unable to stop Alan Hunter from pouncing on the dropping ball and scramble over the line.

In the 61st minute, with Souths committed to going forward Arnold pushed a great through-ball to Seal, who in turn slipped it across to Lamond and there was no stopping Croatia from grabbing a commanding three-goal lead.

Although the game had well and truly slipped from their grasp, South Melbourne fought back with their best football of the night and at least managed to score their first goal in four Sydney visits this season when Peter Tsolakis sent a cracking low drive past Franken with 15 minutes remaining, but by then it was much too late to salvage anything.

South Melbourne

MacLaren	6
Healy	5
Michell	6
(Postecoglou 5)	
Durakovic	6
Blair	6
Wade	6
Taliadoros	5
Petersen	7
Trimboli	5
Palatsides	5
Tsolakis	6





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Adelaide Hellas shock QNSL front-runners

BY ALAN CLARK

QUIET man coach Brian Garvey slowly seems to be helping Adelaide Hellas turn the corner to survival.

But he is not happy with a spur he is using to do it.

"It is terrible when you have to abuse players at half-time to get them to perform," said jubilant Garvey on Sunday after Hellas downed leader Apia in the first part of a dynamic SA double-header at Hindmarsh.

"But that's what happened against Adelaide City and again here.

"I told them before this game that Apia's run had to come to an end sometime so why not against us? We came back well after the half-time 'talk' to achieve that."

Garvey reshaped the side with competitive Mars Capasso and Nick Stamatelopoulos coming into midfield and Raymond Blair joining Billy Wright up front.

Apia, despite a perfect start with an Alex Bundalo goal in four minutes, did not show the command or composure of its earlier visit to Hindmarsh when it downed Adelaide City.

But it had Hellas' measure in the first-half.

Whatever Garvey said to his troops worked wonders at the break. They buzzed.

Wright and Raymond Blair had opportunities but Hellas' superiority in the midfield engine-room was not converted into goals until 63 minutes with a fragile equaliser.

Apia Leichhardt

Adelaide Hellas	
Tsoleridis	6
Heim	8
Mills	7
Mousoulis	6
Slager	7
Miranda	6
Capasso	5
(Brazzale 61m)	
Kidd	5
Wright	6
Blair	6
Stamatelopoulos	5
(Vatsilas 89m)	

Hughes	6
Blagojevic	7
Okon	8
Stewart	6
Halliday	6
Clinch	6
Ellem	6
Manley	5
Murray	5
Bundalo	6
van Blerk	5
(McQuarrie 61m)	

Scorers: Slager 63m, Kidd 89m for Hellas; Bundalo 4m for Apia.

Yellow cards: Halliday 89m for Apia; Stamatelopoulos 89m for Hellas.

Referee: Jim Ross 7.

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Concordia Club in Stanmore.

A sensational Steve Maxwell hat-trick was the talking point after Adelaide City's flattering 3-0 win against Wollongong City at Hindmarsh.

But the uncommitted must have felt sadly sorry for downcast Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe and his side.

Wollongong had dragged themselves up by the boot laces from losing a diabolical goal to Maxwell in just three minutes.

They weathered a scrappy first-half and then had the better of City after the break but got nothing to show for their efforts when Maxwell killed them with two goals in the last six minutes.

The game proved a very valuable lesson, too, for City coach Zoran Matic in his side's calculated championship challenge.

Maxwell was the

Preston v Melbourne Croatia played on Monday — Report next week.

BY ALAN CLARK

difference between the sides. He was in party mood after the game and rightly so after superbly taking his limited chances in a far from champagne City display.

City, though, won without playing well. That is the hallmark of a real title contestant.

Maxwell opened his account in just three minutes after a Wollongong comedy of errors in defence. He rounded off proceedings with two golden counters in the last six minutes.

That sent fans home happier than would

Adelaide City

Zabica	5
Shiliabeer	5
T. Vidmar	7
Tobin	6
Flounders	7
Melta	6
Santrac	5
Veart	6
Mullen	6
Maxwell	8
A. Vidmar	5

(Edge 79m)

Scorer: Maxwell 3m, 84m & 89m for Adelaide City.

Referee: J. McConnell 8.

Crowd: 6,854 (double-header).

Pupovac	5
Skeen	7
Murphy	6
Ratcliffe	6
Vlietstra	6
Morlando	5
(McEvoy 4m, 5)	
Brodnik	5
Hristovski	6
McFadden	6
Versi	5
(Easthorpe 65m)	
Crainie	6

Scorer: Maxwell 3m, 84m & 89m for Adelaide City.

Referee: J. McConnell 8.

Crowd: 6,854 (double-header).



Crack Apia marksman Rod Brown against Melbourne Croatia. He failed to score against Hellas in Adelaide, though — Photo by HECTOR CARRASCO.

Maltese derby to Sunshine

BY GREG BLAKE

RIDING a wave of confidence following Friday's victory over Wollongong, an improving Sunshine George Cross made it two on the trot by beating Melita Eagles 3-1 at Skinner Reserve on Sunday evening.

For a time victory looked assured as George Cross ran up a two-goal lead inside the first 20 minutes, but Melita, keen to defend its unbeaten six-match run, fought back doggedly.

In the end it took a spectacular 92nd minute lob by David Clarkson to wrap up the points to the delight of the home fans.

George Cross got straight down to business immediately after the kick-off.

Ernie Tapai celebrated his return from injury with the cross to set up Georgie's first goal after 16 minutes, with John Campbell on hand to supply the finishing touch.



Ernie Merrick

Four minutes later Melita went two down, this time Paul Foster supplied the final touch but the goal had little to do with Sunshine's impressive lead-up work.

A high through ball from Lorenz Kindtner, forced Alex McPherson to come out to attempt

Sunshine GC	
Keogh	8
Alevisos	3
(Hasler 4)	
Roodhouse	5
Ketsakidis	5
Parton	6
Kindtner	8
Clarkson	7
Faulkner	6
Campbell	7
Tapai	7
P. Foster	6
(Carter 85m)	

Melita Eagles	
McPherson	5
Williams	(Farrugia 5)
O'Donnell	6
Callanan	5
Gonzalez	5
Mason	4
Clarkson	7
Vial	6
Cerro	6
(Falce 6)	
Genc	7
Soper	4
Brown	7

Scorer: Campbell 14m, P. Foster 20m, Clarkson 92m for Sunshine; Brown (pen) 69m for Melita.

Yellow cards: Faulkner 83m for Sunshine; Callanan 25m for Melita.

Referee: J. Santa Isabel 7.

Crowd: 1627.

Australia Day Round 13

South Melbourne win 2-0

BY PETROS KOSMOPOULOS

SOUTH Melbourne returned to the winning list with a convincing win against a disappointing St George at Olympic Park.

Right from the beginning they played an attacking game and only two superb saves by Saints' talented goalkeeper, John Filan, prevented the Melbourne side from scoring early.

In fact, Filan made an excellent save in the third minute, blocking for a corner as Durakovic shot from just outside the

penalty box.

He also palmed away a Kimon Taliadoros shot in the 35th minute but Hellas' efforts were rewarded in the 43rd minute with a brilliant goal by Tsolakis.

Tsolakis received a pass from Mike Petersen from the edge of the box and he blasted the ball into the net, giving Filan no chance.

Player of the match Michail denied Saints a certain goal when he cleared a Matthew Bingley shot off his line in the 54th minute.

Saints were reduced to 10 players when referee



PAUL TRIMBOLI

John Fraser issued a red card to Andrew Harper for abusive language.

Hellas sealed their win in the 88th minute. Joe Palatsides gave a

throughball to Taliadoros, who found Paul Trimboli and the Socceroo striker made no mistake in rounding off the scoreline.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren 5, Healy 5, Michail 5 (Postecoglou 72m), Durakovic 7, Blair 5, Wade 5, Taliadoros 5, Petersen 6, Trimboli 5, Palatsides 4, Tsolakis 7.

ST GEORGE: Filan 6, Milosevic 4, Dean 4, Moffitt 6, Koczka 5, O'Shea 5, Harper (sent off 57m), Krslovic 6 (Pavlovic 80m), Bingley 5, Ilic 4 (Kakakios 80m), McGregor 4.

Scorers: Tsolakis 43m, Trimboli 88m for South Melbourne.

Yellow cards: Bingley 47m, Koczka 49m for St George.

Red card: Harper 57m.

Referee: J Fraser 6.

Crowd: 2516.



Milan Ivanovich (left) and David Lowe at Hindmarsh Stadium when the teams drew 1-1 a fortnight ago — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

Preston hold Marconi

BY PETER DESIRA

GEORGE Jolevski stole the limelight from Marconi's first visit to Melbourne for the season by inspiring Preston to a 2-2 draw.

Marconi grabbed the lead after 19 minutes when Senad Glavovic toepoked the loose ball home after goalie Phil Traianedes could only parry the initial shot from David Lowe.

Jolevski cleared off the line from a Lowe header as Marconi had the better of the first half, then master-



George Jolevski

Three minutes later, Catlin failed to hold a Jolevski shot from the edge of the box and the keeper was then forced to bring down Petrov as

Preston lost Zinni through injury soon after and was forced to work hard to hang on to the point.

Peter Katholos almost snatched a last-minute victory but his shot skimmed the wrong side of the post.

PRESTON: Traianedes 3, Runje 6, Priculovski 5, Jackson 5, Jolevski 8, Tasevski 4 (Momiroski 4), Tasevski 7, Petrov 5, Markovac 5, Smith 5, Zinni 6 (Bekleris 62m).

MARCONI: Catlin 5, van Egmond 5, Calderon 5, Wheatsley 5, de Marigny 6, Okon 5 (Colucci 78m), Gray 6, McCulloch 7, Katholos 7, Glavovic 5 (Colucci 68m), Lowe 7.

Scorers: Zinni 51m, Jolevski 54m (pen) for Preston; Glavovic 19m, McCulloch 62m for Marconi.

Yellow card: McCulloch 54m for Marconi.

Referee: J Santa Isabel 7.

Crowd: 4182.

Apia tough it out

BY LOU GAUTIER



Rod Brown

APIA made sure of a comfortable first place mid-way through the QNSL with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Melbourne Croatia at Lambert Park.

An 87th minute goal by Alex Bundalo clinched it for the league leaders when Ron Manley dispossessed John Markovski and hooked the ball into a crowded goalmouth for Bundalo to lob Croatia goalie Joe Rados with a clever floating header.

Apia had hit the front in the 27th minute. A throughball by Bundalo found Rod Brown, whose fierce 18-metre drive was spectacularly parried by Rados. Brown, following through, nipped in to crash the rebound into an empty net.

Apia, who were well on top in the first 30 minutes, then allowed Croatia back into the match and, with Alan Davidson in dazzling form, the Victorians started to dominate proceedings.

It was no surprise when the equaliser came in the 52nd minute, courtesy of Zeljko Adzic, who latched onto a loose ball which should have been cleared by the Apia defence.

After that the small crowd was treated to end to end stuff. Both teams had scoring chances but a draw looked inevitable until Bundalo. Apia's best

Huge derby crowd

BY ALAN CLARK

ADELAIDE City killed off the challenge of old foe Hellas in a controversial two-minute burst late in a pulsating derby at Hindmarsh on Wednesday.

A 10,500 crowd enjoyed an evening of thrilling action as Adelaide City wore down the challenge of Hellas to win 2-0 in the first SA NSL derby since 1986.

Centre of controversy was FIFA referee Barry Harwood. He was not popular in either camp.

Hellas blasted him for allowing Aurelio Vidmar's opening goal in 76 minutes that signalled its downfall.

Hellas claimed Vidmar went out of play and came back in and was in an offside position before he intercepted an Alby Kidd backpass to score.

City said Joe Mullen should have earned a penalty for a Kidd challenge on him in the area.

Both seemed justifiable claims with Hellas' stronger.

But with Hellas' de-

fensive commitment and resolve wrecked, Sergio Melta scored a second goal just two minutes later from a brilliantly incisive Steve Maxwell pass.

The drama, though, was not over.

Milan Ivanovich committed a most unnecessary and unprofessional 'professional' foul on Raymond Blair in 79 minutes and was sent off after earlier being booked.

Hellas did show better into the stiff breeze with Richard Miranda picking up from his earlier ponderous form.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica (6), Stillababer (6), T. Vidmar (7), Ivanovich (6), Tobin (6), Melta (6), Samirac (5), Veart (5), Mullen (5), Flounders (4m), Maxwell (7), Vidmar (7) (Edge 84m).

HELLAS: Tsoliris (7), Hiem (6), Mills (7), Mousoula (6), Rankin (84m), Slager (7), Miranda (6), Blair (5), Kidd (8), Wright (5), Brazzale (5) (Capasso 84m), Vatsilas (6).

Goalscorers: A. Vidmar 78m, Melta 78m for City.

Red Card: Ivanovich 79m for City.

Yellow cards: Veart 32m for City; Maxwell 42m for City; Kidd 42m for Hellas; Hiem 68m for Hellas.

Crowd: 10,566.

Referee: Barry Harwood (WA) (6).

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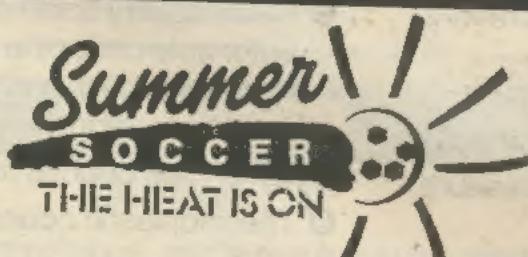
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Brandon Park 5.30pm
Somers Street 6pm

Croatian Sports Centre 6pm
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Middle Park 6pm
Marconi Stadium 8pm
Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

Olympic win despite a gallant Mautone

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STEVE MAUTONE, a relatively 'unknown' 19-year-old goalkeeper for Blacktown City, repeatedly and courageously defied Sydney Olympic before the home team scrambled to a 1-0 win at St George Stadium.

Blacktown City's midfield quartet of Paul Carter, Zarko Odzakov, Ralph Maier and John Gibson displayed unyielding commitment in breaking down Olympic's attacks to give some heart to new coach Walter Tamandi.

Shots at the Blacktown goal by Sydney Olympic's powerful right back Davie Barrett (20m) and right midfielder Grant Lee (28m) were miraculously saved by the former AIS goalkeeper in his spectacular debut in the NSL.

Four minutes after the break, Olympic's tall striker Marko Perinovic scored with a powerful header after



STEVE MAUTONE

successfully meeting a well-measured cross from the right by mid-fielder Lee.

Olympic, playing without their captain

— Robbie Hooker (suspended), Robbie Ironside (overseas) and Scott Ollerenshaw (injured) were understandably a little unbalanced.

But Blacktown showed an immense change of attitude and the signs are there that at long last they may have turned the corner as they begin their long battle to escape relegation.

Sydney Olympic's centre-back, Nick Plataniotis, Perinovic, Lee and Barrett excelled whilst Blacktown's Mautone, right-back Shaun Murphy, Carter and Odzakov were best for the visitors.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling (6), Barrett (7), Plataniotis (7), Dakos (6), Georgakis (5), Lee (7), Phillips (6), Bernal (6), Saad (6), Perinovic (7), Hagan (6).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone (9), Murphy (8), Reynolds (6), Yankos (6), Northam (6), Carter (8), Odzakov (7), Maier (6), Gibson (7), Arambasic (6), Gunning (6) (Suman 80m).

Scorer: Perinovic 49m for Olympic.

Yellow cards: Yankos 65m for Blacktown City; Perinovic 87m for Sydney Olympic.

Referee: J. McConnell (6).

Crowd: 3160.

Sunshine hang on to beat Wollongong City

BY GREG BLAKE



South Melbourne goalie Bruce McLaren in full flight against Adelaide Hellas in Round 10 — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

IN the end it was a magnificent climax to what had been generally quite an ordinary game as Sunshine George Cross grimly hung on for a 1-0 victory over Wollongong City at Skinner.

Wollongong's flash of late form had the home side on the run at and

dous misses, namely those by Paul McFadden and Pat Brodnik in the last half-hour, but it was Keogh who saved the day.

For the first half-hour George Cross was doing it with ease and Paul Foster, recalled to the first team after being dropped for his lack of goals this season, justified coach Ernie Merrick's faith in him by scoring the crucial match-winner just four minutes into the game.

Lorenz Kindtner, the talented youngster on loan from the AIS, crossed the ball which set up the goal.

Keogh's counterpart, Dragan Pupovac, was also supreme at the other end, bringing off last-gasp saves from Shaun Parton and Gary Hasler before half-time.

SUNSHINE: Keogh 9, Alevados 5, Roodhouse 6, Parton 6, Katsakidis 6, Kindtner 7, Clarkson 7, Faulkner 5, Campbell 5, Hasler 4 (Carter 84m), P. Foster 5.

WOLLONGONG: Pupovac 8, Skeen 7, Vlieistra 6, Mortland 6, Murphy 5, Brodnik 7, Ratcliffe 5, Lloyd 4 (Hiratsuka 58m), Craine 6, Easthorpe 5 (Versi 70m), McFadden 8.

Scorer: P. Foster 4m for Sunshine.

Yellow cards: Parton 66m for Sunshine; Murphy 29m for Wollongong.

Referee: M. Lopis 5.

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ASW's Letter of the Week

MELBOURNE READER PETER SANINNO HITS OUT

IT was a pity that the article 'Blacktown, marketing, sever promotion ties' in the December 20 edition of **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY** was not given at least equal lead story prominence rather than being tucked away on Page 16.

The statement in that particular article clearly outlined the major ills of the NSL operations.

Early indications are that the introduction of summer soccer has not been an instant success if published attendance figures to date are taken as a guide.

Unless the NSL management take immedi-

ate remedial action, the move to a summer season will be viewed by soccer sceptics as yet another band-aid job.

Surely the NSL must have realised that, even in summer, most of our cities are frequently subjected to severe thunderstorms and hail, cold, wet, wintry-like evenings as well as the predictable heat waves, which are yet to eventuate this summer but which all players must be fearing.

Notwithstanding the weather conditions, the NSL management's promotion of summer soccer is nothing less than lamentable.

This despite some good PR work by a few forward-thinking clubs.

If one wanted an example of the lack of activity by NSL management, one only had to tune in to the TV and radio sports news segments during the Christmas break.

Plenty of news of cricket, tennis, yachting, horse-racing, Commonwealth Games selections, even that American sports invention and newest com-

petitor to our summer programme — baseball, yet hardly a word about the NSL matches.

Even soccer's so-called friend, the ABC, could rarely find room in their TV news or radio sports segments on the weekly events of the NSL outside their TV 'The Big Match' show, inappropriately scheduled at a time when many devotees would normally be attending late Sunday afternoon games.

Indeed attendances must have suffered with the staggered times of the weekly programme, particularly when times and even venues shown in the local Melbourne papers often differ to those advertised in **Australian Soccer Weekly**.

No wonder then that clubs have not shown healthy increases in attendance figures.

The apathetic approach by the NSL was further demonstrated at a recent Saturday race meeting at Moonee Valley.

A big opportunity was missed to promote our code when the first race was named the Quit NSL Handicap.

Alas, the racing

stations and other race media incorrectly called the race the Quit National Soccer Handicap (how remiss of those responsible!), but unlike the seven other sponsored races on the card that day, the NSL in conjunction with its sponsor found fit not to ensure that they obtained adequate airtime plugs.

Compare that with the efforts of the Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club, which had the whole eight race programme at a recent mid-week Newcastle race meeting named after the club or their most famous and prominent players over the years.

The occasion was the celebration of their Centennial Year and the club made certain that race caller Ian Craig gave the fullest promotion possible in the all states' broadcast of the meeting that day.

In any business — it should never be forgotten that the NSL is a business — the shareholders would demand the resignation of the operating executive given a similar track record of poor results as that of the NSL.

As any good advertising executive will tell you, the public are sold on what they consistently see (on TV) or hear (on radio), perhaps more so than what they read and the NSL have never developed a successful long term plan in respect to commercial exposure of their product — the first and longest-running national football competition.

Little wonder that staunch efforts in promotional strategies by clubs like Marconi, Blacktown City and St George do not reap the rewards they deserve.

Finally the Australian Soccer Federation or its state bodies also cannot be excused of criticism in this direction.

Enquiries concerning purchase of tickets for the matches involving the touring Moscow Torpedo at the local Bass Agencies drew a complete blank.

Staff at Agencies knew nothing of pre-booking for the forthcoming games.

So I must feel that the reasons are clear as to why we cannot get 'bums on seats' at these touring team matches and our NSL games.

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Radical changes required to lift National League

BY FRANK SCIULNA

WAY back in July 1988, amidst the euphoria created by the Socceroos' memorable 4-1 defeat of world champions Argentina, WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN sports journalist Jeff Wells wrote an outstanding article in which he closely analysed the direction he thought soccer was taking in this country.

Coming from a man with no direct affiliation to the game, his story was full of logical common sense and carried an impassioned plea for the code's administrators to do everything in their power to bring back into the fold thousands of fans who had been turned away because of soccer's total domination by small-thinking and narrow-minded ethnic communities.

Wells' arguments of nine months ago are just as valid today as they were then — if soccer fails to implement drastic and radical changes throughout the code it has precious little or no future to look forward to.

Stigma

Unless the ethnic stigma which the game is so badly tainted with can be removed once and for all, Australian soccer will never prosper.

Certainly, some limited progress can be made possible through improved marketing, better playing standards, superior spectator facilities and so on.

The advent of summer soccer and national television coverage can also help give the game a desperately needed boost but as long as our clubs continue to target all their efforts solely towards their own diminishing ethnic groups, the code can never grab the imagination of the general public.

Proposals for clubs to assimilate into local districts and drop their ethnic names do not go far enough.

Half-hearted, cosmetic changes of that kind won't fool anyone as Preston, St George, Sunshine and many others have found in the past.

What soccer is desperate for is a brand-new start, a completely fresh image, nothing less is good enough.

Rival codes have shown the way during the last few years, unless soccer follows their lead it will simply continue on its road to irrelevance.

When the NSL was introduced 13 years ago rugby league had lost its sense of direction and

clubs like the Canberra Raiders, Brisbane Broncos and the Newcastle Knights did not exist then but look at them and their code now!

Sydney Swans, West Coast Eagles and Brisbane Bears were not even thought of in the VFL, while every one of the dozen or so clubs that make up the National Basketball League only came into being with the birth of the highly successful NBL in the mid-eighties.

Product

If other codes can create these clubs out of absolutely nothing and develop them in areas where traditional support never existed, why can't soccer?

Do these other sports have a better product to offer the public?

I hardly think so, but what they do have is a thoroughly professional and business-like approach towards giving the public what it wants and are prepared to forsake tradition to do so.

While these other codes made a concerted effort to expand their traditional base of support, soccer has gone in the opposite direction and is now paying the price.

The time to start laying the foundations for reversing the trend can no longer be postponed.

Start by seriously considering a radical new format for a true National League. Create a dozen clubs, strategically located and catering for the whole community.

Copy the examples of the Raiders, Broncos and Sydney Kings, who have given ample evidence that this formula can work.

These clubs will have to be spread right across the country in order to give the league a true national flavour.

City

Sydney and Melbourne need not have any more than two representatives from each city with the Sydney Football Stadium, Parramatta Stadium, Olympic Park and possibly VFL Park as their headquarters.

The remainder can come from Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, Geelong, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart.

Centres like Townsville and Whyalla can be considered for possible future inclusion.

As for the vexed question of relegation, the answer is simple: don't have any for at least five years.

If clubs consistently fail to perform after that



Action from last year's Sunshine v Wollongong City match. Should the two clubs retain their status in a revamped National League?

period they will run the risk of losing their position in favour of a suitable new applicant.

Opposition

Play this new league in summer without opposition from the various revitalised State Leagues, aim towards a fully professional set-up and before we know it there just might be some light at the end of the tunnel.

When Newcastle KB United and Canberra City were first formed in the late 1970s they set a precedent for a competition of this kind.

Just because their early success eventually turned sour is no reason why valuable lessons cannot be learned from their experience.

The mere fact that they were able to attract large support from their communities is proof enough that this concept can succeed.

A new-look NSL will then give the opportunity for a number of our current clubs to have their wish to returning to their respective State Leagues finally granted.

Most of them are on the brink of financial ruin anyway and can no longer cope with the demands of interstate travel.

With the likes of South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Preston, Marconi, both Croatia clubs and all the rest of them going back to their State Federations we will once again see the various State Leagues transformed into viable competitions where the different ethnic communities can be catered for during the winter months.

Just imagine what a radical new concept like this can do: it will completely revolutionise the game in this country. The new-look NSL will be able to provide

fans with a truly national competition which will open up a whole new market for the game with untold number of opportunities for sponsorship and marketing.

Soccer's progress will no longer be restrained by the short-sighted and narrow-minded views of clubs who are only interested in catering for their little migrant groups.

State Federations in turn will have the chance to get back on their feet with the return of their traditional, well-supported ethnic clubs, providing fans with a strong league during the NSL's winter off-season.

Starters

That's just for starters. Together with the introduction of this type of concept, soccer must go all out to cater for a brand-new audience which has not been brought up on the game's traditions overseas.

Innovations for making a visit to an NSL match a memorable and exciting experience must be introduced.

ASW's Greg Blake made comment recently to the variety of gimmicks used by basketball and the new baseball league to attract new fans.

It certainly looks like it's worked wonders with the NBL and has every chance of getting baseball off the ground, so why should it be any different with football?

Contrary to the established ethnic support base which may find this razzmatazz foreign and maybe even offensive to them, the new breed that soccer must attract in order to survive has to be given full entertainment value if they are to keep coming back for more.

Alan Davidson's suggestion for every

drawn match to be decided on a penalty shoot-out is the sort of idea that the NSL must seriously look at.

I recall putting forward an argument for precisely such a system in ASW a couple of years ago.

As was pointed out then, shoot-outs can decide the winner of the World Cup, European Championships and European Cups, let alone our own NSL championships, so what's wrong with providing the same climax in an ordinary competition match?

Several countries have experimented with this formula.

Soccer in Australia is fighting a desperate battle for recognition and needs to use any means at its disposal to win over fans from numerous rival sports.

If entertainment and excitement have to be manufactured for the game to get more bums on seats, so be it.

Whether we care to admit it or not, the code has reached a critical crossroad.

Limited

Our National League as it stands now has got a very limited future.

The alternative of going back to the old State League set-up will condemn the game to perpetual mediocrity and unless that's deemed to be acceptable, revolutionary radical steps must be taken.

There's simply no other choice.

Radical changes have been part and parcel of the game for over a century and no-one is powerful enough to forever stop them from evolving.

• **NEXT WEEK:** The possible make-up of our major leagues.

READERS' LETTERS

ABC of Television

I think what the ABC is doing to our soccer fans is crazy, in that they only show two or three games at the most out of the seven.

SBS at least showed highlights of all the games that were played over the weekend.

What the ABC should do to lift Australian soccer is that, if they are going to show two main games at 5pm, at least show an hour's replay of all the other games that were played at say 10pm or 10.30pm.

In that way more fans can see how their team played!!!

I don't like the attitude that other club fans have of saying that Sydney Croatia is heading towards relegation.

I find that nonsense.

Every game they're been unlucky and hitting the post regularly.

I think with a few wins on the trot it would mean they could finish this year in the playoffs. (name and address supplied)

Fairfield NSW 2165

TV entreaty

IT is time ASW and people like Dario Pigno (ASW 27.12.89) realise that while SBS may transmit excellent programmes to most parts of our capital cities, which I admit have a majority of the population, the greater part of the country cannot receive these services.

Calling these transmissions a "national coverage" in my opinion is a load of garbage.

More strength to the officials who gave the NSL programmes to the ABC.

At least all of Australia can view these games.

Your paper gives great credit to SBS for obtaining the World Cup rights.

Just spare a thought for the myriads of players and supporters, who live outside SBS's limited range, and will be unable to see this great event in detail.

(Ed Pottinger)
26 Suvia St,
Lithgow 2790

Eddie Thomson

AS a regular reader of your paper I was really very surprised to read the letter by John De Silva ("Coaching Blues" in the 13th of December issue).

The contents of this letter gives me the impression that Mr De Silva does not know much about coaching

and especially about the job of the Director of Coaching.

A Director of Coaching does not have to be skillful but must be a hard-working person interested in the job and, most important of all, know what he is supposed to do.

Good luck in your new position, Eddie, and I am sure you will work towards a better coaching standard in Australia.

Chris Demistakleous
Level 4 Soccer Coach
Darwin, NT

FIFA REFS

FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter confirmed six Australians are on the 1990 FIFA list of international referees.

Chris Bambridge from Victoria heads the list and is joined by fellow-Victorian Dennis Voutsinas, who obtains his FIFA badge for the first time.



RICHARD LORENC
New South Wales has two members in Richard Lorenc and Gary Power, with Bill Monteverde, from Queensland, and Western Australian Barry Harwood forming Australia's list of FIFA referees for 1990.

Blatter confirmed the FIFA Referees' Committee would announce this week those referees to officiate at the World Cup finals.

New NSL address

As of January 29, 1990, the National Soccer League will be at their new premises, situated at:

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Weed out the yobbos!

BY GREG BLAKE



Flashback to the Pratten Park not a few years ago — something we hoped was a thing of the past until the Olympic Park fracas.

MY partner Debbie isn't well known as a cynical humourist, nor is she all that keen on Association Football

So recently, as I sat innocently enjoying the usual Monday night dose of football English style (I believe it was the Everton v Southampton clash), when she joined me for the tail-end of the telecast and asked me "did they kill anyone in this match?", I knew she wasn't making a poor attempt at humour.

Debbie, like so many close friends of mind, has had her perception of the our great game coloured over time to such a stage now where there is an automatic association with crowd violence to soccer

Quite correctly one can point out that the trend of the parochial Australian media is to highlight (lowlight) even the slightest misdemeanour by soccer followers to further denigrate our game's reputation

But Brussels, Sheffield and even the disaster at Bradford were no media beat-ups.

The spectres of violence and disaster have become part of association football, possibly only because as THE most popular game in the world, thus the best attended, there are bound to be mishaps of major proportions from time to time

Soccer supporter or not it is hard not to concede that our game has provided the world with some of the most horrific death and destruction stories of the decade past.

Burden

Because of this the game has an enormous burden to carry in a country like Australia where the soccer fraternity is still, unfortunately, very much a minority

That is why Aussie soccer fans have such an enormous responsibility to the game, a responsibility they stupidly seem to ignore all too

often

The importance of keeping Australia's QNSL competition 'squeaky clean' was never more apparent following the recent events at Melbourne's Olympic Park where South Melbourne Hellas and Melbourne Croatia fans produced a sparkling array of boxing and karate skills in front of the ABC TV cameras

I wasn't at Olympic Park and didn't care to be

But from my holiday retreat on the Victoria/NSW border I managed to see enough to realise that our reputation as a responsible sporting competition was damaged dreadfully once again

Kids, and that's all they were, roaming unchecked by adults at Olympic Park, managed, in just a couple of ugly minutes, to further erode soccer's credibility in this country

In my holiday retreat I can usually scan the local newspapers and television for hours without finding so much as a single result from our QNSL competition or overseas

Not so the weekend of the Olympic Park fracas

The local newspaper's Saturday edition front-paged the story, the local television station ran the story in its lead-in and filled the full story, complete with the ABC TV pictures, as its third news items.

It doesn't matter that that type of news coverage IS most certainly hysterical and biased, what matters is that had the event never happened we would not have had to tolerate the repercussions.

By the Sunday evening of that fateful weekend I was astonished to find a group of friends, all holidaying in the same area, sitting huddled around a television set glued to the ABC's Match of the Day presentation

Unfortunately, it

wasn't to keep up with the QNSL results

"We", I was told, "are just waiting to see the fight."

They were rewarded with the highlights of the brawl and then happily the television set was switched off

Thanks to the idiotic, brawling juveniles hundreds and probably thousands of people around the country had their views of soccer reinforced once again

We can ill afford too much more of the same as we compete with the likes of VFL, basketball and baseball where, at least in this country, crowd violence is a rare occurrence

The most dismaying aspect of the whole business is that the trouble at our grounds is probably preventable

Most of the trouble involves kids, many of whom are no older than 20 years of age

ONUS

Kids will always be just that, therefore the onus is on the adults at NSL fixtures to ensure this type of thing doesn't occur.

But sometimes I get the impression some of the adults, whose kids are probably the very ones involved in these senseless brawls, not only condone the regrettable behaviour, but actually encourage it.

The most recent example of trouble blossoming thanks to ignorant adults was at a pre-Christmas fixture at Skinner Reserve when Sunshine George Cross met Preston.

A group of loud-mouthed but fairly innocuous looking kids sporting a large red and black flag and dressed in 'Santa' hats stood in front of the George Cross supporters in the main grandstand and taunted the opposition with chants.

Nothing too harmful in that and the type of behaviour that, if ignored, will probably discontinue fairly

rapidly

But stupidly (I know because I was standing almost directly behind the guy) a moronic George Cross fan, who was a good 50 years of age if he was a day, stood up and tossed a near full can of beer into the middle of the packed terrace below

Not only could a weapon like that split someone's head wide open, but it managed to spark a series of brawls which erupted around the ground for the remainder of the afternoon

It was sheer ignorance at its worst

The alleged adult should surely have known better.

Just as South Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos should have known better when he came out days after the dismal Olympic Park affair to proclaim to the press "don't blame us"

ROT!

Not mincing words Vasilopoulos said the spilling of South Melbourne supporters on to the park had become "a tradition" and that Croatia supporters reacting to the crowd invasion were to blame

"Melbourne Croatia supporters spilled on to the field last year when they beat us 4-0 at Olympic Park," he said to the Melbourne SUN newspaper

"On that day our supporters took that defeat on the chin and left the ground peacefully

"Maybe it is time Melbourne Croatia learned to accept their defeats gracefully also"

What rot!

South Melbourne's notorious 'skull and crossbones' touting Hellas Hooligans have plagued the NSL for years

Surely, Mr Vasilopoulos, you don't mean the same group of charming youngsters I watched beating two

Preston fans with lumps of wood about this time one year ago?

Hellas, Preston, George Cross and Croatia, the clubs I know well enough to comment on, all have a young trouble-making element

Each club must have the guts to clean up its own backyard before attacking fellow NSL clubs

I know the faces of many of the kids I've seen involved in trouble at the grounds, I've seen them often enough to recognise them instantly.

I rather suspect the clubs know their own troublemakers as well and if they do not then their fathers or mothers who are more than likely regularly at the same ground as well certainly do.

For goodness sakes, put the brakes on these young idiots.

Ratings for player award

(Continued from page 1)



"It is only fair that the best players are rewarded for their efforts and I am now looking forward to making the presentation to the best player in the QNSL at the end of the year"

Melbourne Croatia champion Alan Davidson, who is currently pressing Hagan for best player status, says the award is a bonus for players.

"Players don't go out to play for awards but if a player does have a good season it is the icing on the cake"

"It's a bit of interest for the players — they get a bit of recognition and it gives them something to aim for," Davidson told ASW

Votes out of 10 are awarded by ASW writers at every QNSL game and the player with the best average at the end of Round 26 will be the ASW Player of the Year for 1989/90

To win the award a player must poll in at least 20 games for the season, thus rewarding not just the most brilliant but also the most consistent players for the season.

A player sent off during a game automatically receives no votes for that game and a player must be on the field for at least 45 minutes of a match to get a rating.

Goalkeepers are in for a bonus with a special ASW award for the Goalie of the Year sponsored by Reusch Australia Pty Ltd, manufacturers of the world's best-selling goalkeeper gloves and equipment.

Here is the full list of every QNSL player still in contention for the ASW-Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre Player of the Year award to the end of round 12. (ie must have polled in six games at end of Rd 12)

Hagan (SO) 6.75
 Davidson (MC) 6.71
 Filan (StG) 6.67
 McCulloch (Marc) 6.67
 Bundalo (Apia) 6.58
 Arnold (SC) 6.58
 Lowe (Marc) 6.55
 Phillips (SO) 6.5
 Adzic (MC) 6.5
 Tobin (AdC) 6.45
 Moffitt (StG) 6.44
 Durakovic (SMH) 6.44
 Jolevski (PM) 6.42
 McPherson (ME) 6.42
 Markovski (MC) 6.38
 Catlin (Marc) 6.33
 Pezzano (Apia) 6.33
 Clarkson (SGC) 6.33
 Marth (MC) 6.33
 Caleta (MC) 6.3
 Brown (ME) 6.27
 Zabica (AdC) 6.17
 Kidd (AdH) 6.17

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JOHN FILAN — most highly ranked goalkeeper.

Petersen (SMH) ..	6.17
Pupovac (Woll) ..	6.17
Cramie (Woll) ..	6.17
Faulkner (SGC) ..	6.14
Hooper (SO) ..	6.11
C. Foster (SGC)	6.11
Slager (AdH) ..	6.11
Mullen (AdC) ..	6.08
Wheatley (Marc) ..	6.08
Goshing (SO) ..	6.08
Ironside (SO) ..	6.08
Hannah (MC) ..	6.08
Tsolakis (SMH) ..	6.08
Katholos (Marc) ..	6.0
Gray (Marc) ..	6.0
Ellem (Apia) ..	6.0
Cinch (Apia) ..	6.0
Londos (Black) ..	6.0
Gibson (Black) ..	6.0
Odzakow (Black) ..	6.0
Gonzalez (ME) ..	6.0
Genc (ME) ..	6.0
Opasinski (MC) ..	6.0
Milosevic (MC) ..	6.0
Blair (SMH) ..	6.0
Skeen (Woll) ..	6.0
McFadden (Woll) ..	6.0
De Jong (Marc) ..	5.92
Rados (MC) ..	5.92
Blair (AdH) ..	5.92
A. Vidmar (AdC) ..	5.91
Nastevski (Marc) ..	5.91
Stewart (Apia) ..	5.91
Hallday (Apia) ..	5.91
De Mangny (Marc) ..	5.9
R. Brown (Apia) ..	5.9
Soper (ME) ..	5.9
Trimboli (SMH) ..	5.9
Plataniotis (SO) ..	5.86
Carter (SGC) ..	5.86
Santrac (AdC) ..	5.83
Piculovski (PM) ..	5.83
Barnes (ME) ..	5.83
Hern (AdH) ..	5.83
Barrett (SO) ..	5.82
P. Foster (SGC) ..	5.82
Hasler (SGC) ..	5.82

RON CORRY HAS HIS SAY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Australian World Cup goalkeeper Ron Corry, recently sacked from the coaching position at Sydney Croatia, is still upset over the circumstances which led to his dismissal.

But briefly before we hear from Ron, let us fill in some of our younger readers, and players for that matter, on Ron Corry's back ground.

Corry with 38 caps for Australia, made his debut for the Socceroos in 1967 on Australia's tour of South Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia under the guidance of coach 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits.

A product of the Canterbury juniors in the late 50s Corry broke into the NSW squad under the captaincy of Les Scheinflug in 1965 against touring Moscow Torpedo and Chelsea.

The stockily built goalkeeper made an immediate impact with his great acrobatic agility between the posts and soon made his mark as a specialist in saving penalties despite his small stature.

Playing for NSW against the touring Moscow Dynamo at the Sydney Sportsground, the unknown Corry shattered the unsuspecting Russians and greatly impressed their legendary giant 'Black Cat' goalkeeper, Lev Yashin, with his goal-kicks.

One of great weapons in Corry's armoury were his unbelievable rocketing goalkicks that streaked 60 plus metres

down field not to mention drop kicks that scorched the atmosphere with even longer trajectories.

The first goal kick Corry blasted against the Russians from his penalty box at the Paddington end streaked down field and landed in the Russians' penalty area where Yashin was shocked as he stood in a shattering pose, almost conceding a direct goal from the great Aussie 'glove-man'.

Corry over the years proved to be one of the very best goalkeepers Australia has ever produced.

He displayed heroic stuff on Saturday afternoons with the old Canterbury club which included superstar teenagers Brian Smith, Johnny Watkiss and Johnny Warren, who all later graduated to the international arena.

Corry was a real hero to the kids.

Now aged 49, and a sales representative with Peter Gray's firm, Sporting Supplies (Australia) Pty Ltd, Ron most understandably feels bitter and cheated, not to mention completely bewildered, by the treatment dished out to him by Sydney Croatia.

But let's hasten to add, such treatment is common fare in the NSL when a coach is not



Ron Corry foils the great Denis Law during the 1967 Sydney v Manchester United game in 1967. United won 3-0.

winning.

Corry had this to say about his dismissal from the Sydney Croatia coaching position.

"Before my appointment, some members of the Sydney Croatia Club Committee had stressed that my job would be in jeopardy if I was not successful in the first five or six weeks of the NSL season.

"I was given no budget to purchase players as that was already handled by the club president and committee. Players like Gajevic, Rico and Grbevski were acquired by them and their

performances proved well below expectation.

"Craig Foster left the club of his own accord, whilst Tony Krslovic wanted to remain with St George with whom he was on loan from last season.

"Club president Frank Busic told me to advise Graham Jennings and Shane Clinch that they were no longer required and that both had to go to Apia as part of the deal that bought Rico.

Jennings would have left anyhow because of a contractual problem he was having with the club, but I was most un-

happy to lose industrious midfielder Clinch.

"I was assured by the president that this is what the committee wanted.

"I was heavily criticised for playing too many youngsters, but these kids did NOT let the club down.

"I am sure Kalac, Babic, Popovic and Seal will all play a great part in Sydney Croatia's future.

"Kalac, the goalkeeper, has a wonderful future, yet I was pressured by the president NOT to play him.

"Kalac as we see now, has been playing

superbly and is one of the best finds of the season to date in the NSL.

"The older players, (apart from Graham Arnold and Mark Jones who worked their guts out on the pitch) let me down.

Savor, Hunter, Lamond and Rumora,

on whom I was relying heavily for experience and stability, did not perform and did not assist their younger team-mates.

"I informed the club committee four weeks before my dismissal that I needed two experienced quality players to climb out of trouble.

"I requested the services of former Socceroo midfielder Richard Miranda but the club made him an unreasonable proposition.

"They wanted to pay only \$2,000 for him and the player to pay \$8,000 towards his transfer fee.

The club would reimburse Miranda later if he made it with Sydney Croatia.

"Understandably, being my first year as senior NSL coach, I made some mistakes.

"The biggest was trying to play a simple, intelligent style of football with players NOT capable of doing this because of their mental outlook.

The president then informed the playing squad I was resigning which was untrue.

"I do wish Sydney Croatia and its suppor-

ters every success in the future but I feel that the loyal Croatian supporters have a right to know what transpired with their squad earlier in the season," Corry concluded.

However, all is not lost for Ron Corry.

Recently appointed National Director of Coaching, Eddie Thomson, contacted Ron and disclosed that he would be needing his services in the near future to assist in the highly specialised field of goalkeeping coaching.



Ron Corry today

Corry's impeccable credentials and international experience must not be lost to Australian football.

Australian soccer at all levels cannot afford to ignore any contributions that former internationals like Ron Corry are prepared to

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BY KEITH GILMOUR



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Cup, Sweden and the Copenhagen Cup, Denmark.

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Denver, Colorado, US runs from June 30/July 13 next.

Details on dates and prices come from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, Telephone 02 629 2833.

THE Australian Soccer Federation will support the retention of the Oceania Confederation.

Oceania is assured of another six years of existence by FIFA and has been told by the world body to develop before it will be granted full confederation status

Oceania president

Charlie Dempsey

came from New Zealand to present the case in favour of Oceania to the ASF.

Some members of the ASF executive were keen to abolish Oceania and wanted Australia and New Zealand to join Asia.

These plans, however, appear to have been shelved for the immediate future as far as Australia is concerned

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POINTS TABLE

GROUP A:		
Macedonia (A)		1 1 0 0 3 0 2
Argentina		1 1 0 0 4 2 2
Portugal		1 0 0 1 2 4 0
Australia		1 0 0 1 0 3 0

GROUP B:

Turkey	1 1 0 0 1 0 2
Macedonia (B)	1 1 0 0 1 0 2
Italy	1 0 0 1 0 1 0
Uruguay	1 0 0 1 0 1 0

RESULTS

GROUP A: Macedonia (A) 3 (Spirovski, Baillie, Card) def Australia 0, Argentina 4 (Borges 2, Torres 2) def Portugal 2 (Matosin, Duarte).
GROUP B: Turkey 1 (Ulloa) def Uruguay 0, Macedonia (B) 1 (Velevski) def Italy 0.

TOP SCORERS

N. Borges, C. Torres (Argentina) 2, S. Spirovski, C. Card, S. Baillie (Macedonia A), J. Matosin, D. Duarte (Portugal), L. Ulloa (Turkey), T. Velevski (Macedonia B) 1.

QUIT PLAYER OF THE SERIES ROUND 1 POINTS

POINTS AWARDED BY THE PRESS

3 POINTS: N. Borges (Argentina), Bill Pilovski (Macedonia A), B. Kuzmanovski (Macedonia B), John Greengson (Turkey).
2 POINTS: R. Piparola (Argentina), S. Spirovski (Macedonia A), Mark Koussas (Italy), M. Endrujovich (Uruguay).
1 POINT: D. Duarte (Portugal), Derek Noffke (Australia), T. Velevski (Macedonia B), L. Pereira (Uruguay).

POINTS AWARDED BY THE REFEREES

3 POINTS: C. Card (Macedonia A), S. Paull (Turkey), G. Johnson (Argentina), Z. Paskovski (Macedonia B).
2 POINTS: Bill Pilovski (Macedonia A), B. Sertbas (Turkey), Jere Matosin (Portugal), Mark Koussas (Italy).
1 POINT: Derek Noffke (Australia), John Greengson (Turkey), Javier Pou (Uruguay), A. Frendu (Macedonia B).

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday February 3
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4.30pm Portugal v Macedonia (A)
6.30pm Turkey v Macedonia (B)
8.30pm Argentina v Australia

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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

The ASF is likely to reject Wales' offer to tour in May because they don't have the drawing power to cover the \$200,000 cost of their proposed two games against Australia.

GLAMOUR Chilean club Colo Colo is still keen to tour Australia, and so is Hajduk Split.

Hajduk's star players, however, would be required by Yugoslavia's World Cup squad, so Colo Colo may be a much more attractive proposition with their host of Chilean internationals.

The club's overdraft is now more than \$90,000 and Jankovski is determined it will not go over the six figure mark.

Jankovski is working to implement a six-year plan to make Preston the top NSL club in Melbourne and large debts are not part of his plans.

The new committee members are club doctor Tom Vatopoulos and Michael Petrovski.

PUBLISHERS Collins are new to the sport book game but they haven't taken long to find their feet.

The Craig Johnston biography *Walk Alone*

is completely sold out in hardcover — a matter of some 18,000 copies, which in Australian publishing circles is big business.

A softcover version will be out in August.

OSCAR CRINO is not expected to return to the Preston Makedonia side until their home match against Wollongong City on February 11 after badly injuring his knee.

THE world's biggest soccer ball will be paraded through the streets of Melbourne in March. The ball will be one of the highlights of this year's Moomba parade

and will be pushed along by players from the eight nations competing in the inaugural Moomba International Youth Soccer Tournament.

The under-15 tournament has so far attracted teams from the USSR, Brazil, Greece, Turkey and New Zealand.

EDDIE THOMSON has announced he will not apply for the job of Socceroo coach.

The National Director of Coaching said as he already held a position, it would be wrong of him to seek the post.

FRANK AROK is close to accepting a full-time offer to coach St George.

He is waiting for assurances from a few sponsors before committing himself.

Should he accept, he will, of course, not apply for the position of national team coach, which is to be advertised world-wide, starting next month.

HOME ground specialist South Melbourne Hellas is set to become the first side to record 100 home victories in National League competition. Hellas, which won five and drew one of its first six home games this year, is just seven short of the 100-home win mark following its recent 2-1 win over Melbourne Croatia.

DON'T be surprised if Adelaide City's Carl Veart isn't a very big name in the QNSL in the very near future. Striker Veart lacks little in ability and is earning rave reviews in club games this season.

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Melita Eagles' sizzling South American trio — left to right, Alfredo Barrios, Sergio Falce and Hugo Gimenez.

GEORGE BEST, now in Australia with fellow UK great Denis Law, is said to be interested in coaching a club in the QNSL.

Best had some coaching experience with the Malaysian and Israeli youth teams, but has not coached since 1981 when he was at the helm of the San Jose Earthquakes in the now defunct North American Soccer League.

LRNIE MERRICK is not unduly worried about Sunshine George Cross patchy form.

"We are the youngest team in the QNSL," the Sunshine coach said, and that is showing, but we have too many good players to be relegated."

CHRIS Jankovski, elected this week as president of Preston to replace John Branov, is unhappy about the club's current financial status.

Watson retires

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



FORMER Socceroo attacking midfielder Joe Watson has finally hung up his boots and is now seeking a coaching position.

The former Nottingham Forest apprentice and champion Sydney City winger was arguably the best crosser of the ball in the National League.

Joe told us last night "It was hard to stop playing when you love the game as much as I do."

"Now that I have finally decided to retire, I would very much like to remain in the game as a coach."

Let's face it, soccer has been my life and it is hard to imagine living without it."

After Sydney City folded, Watson played with Apia, Kingsford and last season with Rockdale Linden before ending up with Waverley.

Interested parties can contact Joe, after hours, on 346 6142.



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SBS-TV's Kyle Patterson interviews goalkeeper Bob Catlin before the Torpedo match on January 19. Patterson will be part of network's World Cup crew.

AROK'S GONG

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APIA, the success story of the QNSL season, only spent \$11,000 on new players this year.

Coach Manfred

Schaefer claims the best is yet to come for his team.

"You haven't seen anything, yet," he warned.



CHARLIE YANKOS — appointed captain of Blacktown City. He takes over from Ralph Mair.

BIG MATCH SWITCH

The ABC's Big Match programme will be switched to 10.15pm on Monday nights in March to replace coverage of English soccer which will be moved to later in the week.

The ABC will also be covering the seven games of the



weekend for a full round highlights package.

The switch is scheduled for March 26, but it could start three weeks earlier.

Friday's nine-goal thriller

BY ROY HAY

MELBOURNE
Croatia and Melbourne City JUST played out an incredible nine-goal match at Holland Park last Friday, with Croatia getting the winning goal with only two minutes to play, after JUST had a chance to settle the issue two minutes earlier.

Saso Becvinovski and Robin Stankovski each grabbed a double for JUST while Joe Bacak and Tom Lovric got two for Croatia, with the other from John Botica. Lovric's winner in the dying minutes was worthy of winning any game as he fired home a magnificent overhead kick which gave Peter Sorocuk no chance.

Preston Makedonia ran up eight goals against Clifton Hill, with hat-tricks by Joe Markovac and Michael Cassar and goals by Zdravko Trajkovski and Tony Lingurovski. Con Skliros got a consolation goal for Clifton Hill.

South Melbourne Hellas Blue defeated Caulfield City 2-1 at Olympic Park. Manuel de la Plaza opened for Hellas with a shot over the keeper, then he crossed for Michael Perito to score. Darmon Bahktiar played extremely well in defence for Hellas. Nick Papadopoulos replied for Caulfield from a free

kick.

The Caulfield lads were somewhat overawed by the surroundings but Engel Schmidl and young Jim Filis in particular stood out.

Heidelberg United and East Richmond drew 1-1, with both goals coming from penalties. Michael Apidopoulos scored for East Richmond and George Nitsou for Heidelberg.

In Sunday's matches, Altona Gate defeated North Geelong 2-0, with the first coming from a penalty in the fifth minute and the second in the last minute of the match. Robert Cosic hit the bar for North and Zoran Roso came close to scoring.

Melbourne City JUST fought back to beat Geelong City 4-2 after Tony Bozinovski had given Geelong City an early lead. Peter Sorocuk's long kick from hand cleared his opposite number, Adam Oates and forced the City sweeper to concede an own goal.

Tony Markovski made it two for JUST, whose player-coach then contributed an even more bizarre own goal. Saso Becvinovski put JUST ahead and after City was denied a penalty, Micky Soldatovic made the points secure.

South Melbourne Hellas White played better in the second half against Heidelberg United at Olympic Village and after Con Boutsianis had a penalty saved, Michael Michalakopoulos scored twice for Hellas.

Sunshine George Cross had no trouble in beating East Richmond 6-1. Kevin Muscat opened for George Cross after 14 minutes and then goals followed in a steady stream, with Athan Zacharias and Mitchell Cattermole each getting two and Lou Stefanovski one. Hau Tsung Lay got East Richmond's late counter.

Clifton Hill bounced back to defeat South Melbourne Hellas Blue 3-0 thanks to two goals by Peter Psarros and

one by Jim Nastos.

Preston Makedonia 8 (Markovac 3, Cassar 3, Trajkovski, Lingurovski) Clifton Hill 1 (Sklilos) Heidelberg United 1 (Nitsou) East Richmond 1 (Apidopoulos). Melbourne City JUST 4 (Becvinovski 2, Stankovski 2) Melbourne Croatia 5 (Bacak 2, Botica, Lovric 2). South Melbourne Hellas Blue 2 (Pir, de la Plaza) Caulfield City 1 (Papadopoulos). Sunshine George Cross 6 (Muscat, Zacharias 2, Cattermole 2, Stefanovski) East Richmond 1 (Tsung Lay). Heidelberg United 0 South Melbourne Hellas White (Michalakopoulos 2) Melbourne City JUST 4 (Markovski, Becvinovski, Soldatovic, own goal) Geelong City 2 (Bozinovski, own goal) North Geelong 0 Altona Gate 2, South Melbourne Hellas Blue 0 Clifton Hill 3 (Psarros 2, Nastos).



FRED DE JONG: Marconi are missing his creative midfield promptings. He is in Thailand with the New Zealand National team for another week.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melb Croatia	10	10	0	0	34	11	20
Altona Gate	11	9	2	3	36	9	18
SM-BW	13	8	2	3	25	12	18
Sunshine GC	12	7	3	2	32	20	17
South Melbourne	13	6	3	4	35	25	15
Preston Makedonia	10	6	0	4	21	13	12
Geelong City	12	5	1	6	20	27	11
East Richmond	12	4	1	7	21	30	9
Heidelberg United	13	3	3	7	14	27	9
North Geelong	11	4	0	7	23	25	8
Caulfield City	11	0	4	7	11	22	4
Clifton Hill	11	2	0	7	7	30	4
SM-BW	11	1	1	9	8	34	3

Leading goalscorers

Saso Becvinovski

Melbourne City JUST 19, Joe Bacak Melbourne Croatia 13, Adrian Cervinski North Geelong 9, Con Boutsianis South Melbourne Hellas White 7 Charles Fitzpatrick Geelong City 6, Joe Markovac Preston Makedonia 6, Kevin Muscat Sunshine George Cross 6, Trajce Latomanski Altona Gate 6.

NSW coaches' AGM

THE NSW Coaches Federation will be holding their Annual General meeting on Sunday, February 4 at the Valentine Park sports complex, Parklea, kicking off at 6.30pm.

Forming a part of the meeting a coaching demonstration is currently being organised with the coach of the Moscow Torpedo team which is currently touring Australia and have been in camp at Valentine Park.

The evening should be highly enjoyable and will provide all mem-

bers and guests or intending members to have the opportunity to witness first-hand the Russians at work.

One of the great innovations of the Coaches' Association this season, thanks mostly to the efforts of David Lee, NSW Director of Coaching, and Barry Davis, has been the development of a regular coaching update known as COACHING OVERVIEW.

The publication has been received with great acclaim by all members of the NSW Coaches' Federation.

Torpedo win 2-1 in rainy Perth

BY RICHARD KREIDER



WA coach Alan Vest

MOSCOW Torpedo made it three wins in a row when they beat Western Australia 2-1 at a rain-drenched WACA ground in Perth on Sunday.

The WA Federation's hopes of a large crowd were destroyed by Cyclone Tina which turned into a rain-bearing depression which dumped a record amount of rain for January in 74 years.

However, the near-6,000 attendance was still able to witness a good game highlighted by the Soviets' crisp and precise team-work, but matched by an equally determined performance from the home team.

Torpedo took only seven minutes to score through Andrei Rudakov but the goal did not unsettle WA, who matched them, espe-

cially when attacking.

Torpedo eventually conceded their first goal in Australia in the 33rd minute when John Hunter tapped home from three metres out.

WA had a great chance to go ahead 11 minutes after the break when WA's player of the match, Ross Greer's left side byline cross dipped awkwardly to Paul Wormley, whose diving header went over the bar.

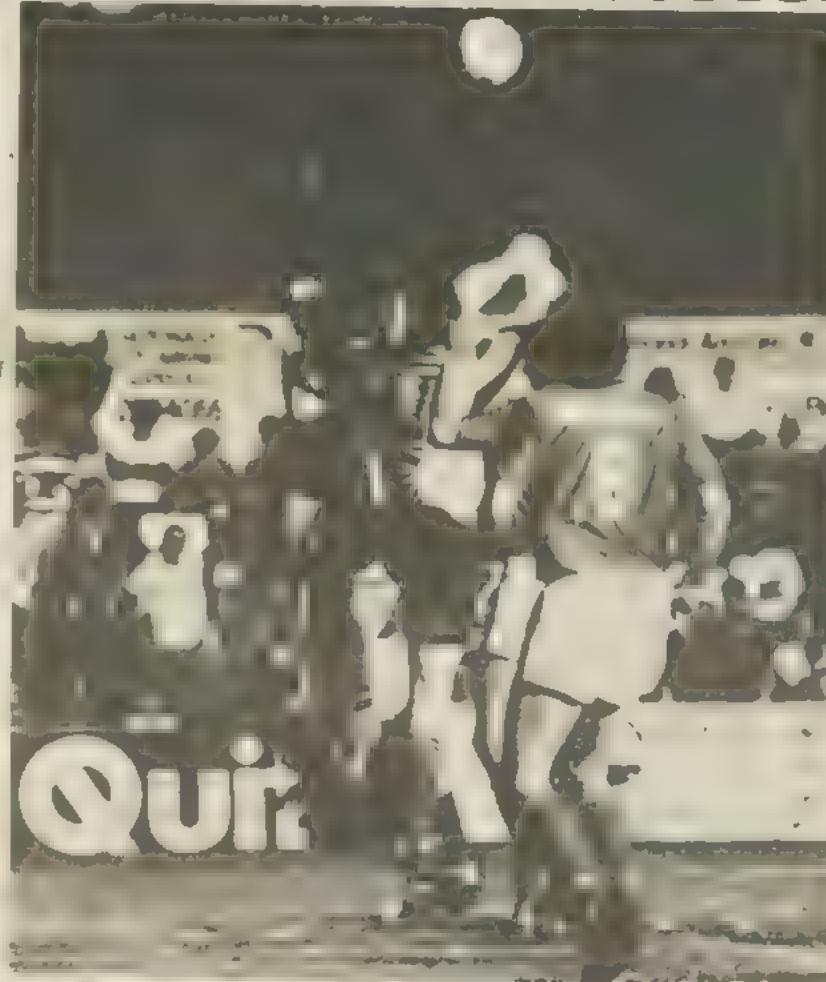
Torpedo punished WA's miss by regaining the lead in the 87th minute when Rudakov set up Sergei Zhukov who slotted the ball home from 12 metres under the advancing keeper.

WA McNally, Evans (Cairns), Larkin, Curran Brown, Colliva (Campbell), Hogan, Greer, Wormley, Hunter (Farmer), Roki.

TORPEDO: Sarichev, Poliakov, Kovach, Zhukov, Rogovskoi, Grishin Rudakov, Gulyayev, Afanasyev, Shirinbikov, Aghaskov (Grechnev).

Referee: D. Mortimer

Crowd: 5702



Action from the "Italian Derby" in Adelaide between City and Marconi in Round 11 — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

AIS v Wollongong 2-0
Marconi v Sydney Olympic 1-0
AIS v Wollongong 2-0
Blacktown v St George 0-2
Molita v Sydney Croatia 2
Cup: Wollongong City 1 Marconi 2.

Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to bring you full National Youth League North match reports.

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DAVID Lee, the recently appointed Director of Soccer Coaching for NSW, already has established a Guru-like image out there at Parklea, headquarters of the NSW Soccer Federation and of the NSW Coaching Academy.

A Guru, by dictionary definition is a "spiritual teacher".

David Lee brings to the subject of soccer and especially the teaching of soccer a commitment filled with the fervour of a religious leader.

Abrasive

He is short, abrasive and opinionated.

He has also lived a long time on this planet, most of that time trying to get soccer players, often young soccer players, to play the game better.

Since last year he has been showing NSW soccer coaches how to coach the game better, so that more players can play it better.

His years number around 60. His snow-white hair and sun-worn skin testify to that — but his energy, enthusiasm and intellect deny it and many of his coaching staff won't be believed.

David is "unbelievable", said Casey de Bruin who was chief staff coach under Lee on the level 3 coaching course just completed at Parklea.

"He has us out on the field at eight in the morning and we won't come in till nine in the evening. He doesn't seem to tire he's out with us all day long and the night too. He's unbelievable!"

Better coaches name of the game

MIKE JOHNSON attended for two days the Level 3 coaching course run by new NSW Coaching Director, David Lee. In this article he gives his thoughts and impressions.

Fairfield City (ex Uruguay-Penrith) will play my team, Southern Districts first up on March 4 in this year's NSW Division 2.

Estavillo amazed me by explaining that he had never really enjoyed playing the game of soccer but that he loved to coach it.

Which explains why, as a relatively young

Wollongong and even South Australia in attendance, but where were the top professional players and recent star players?

That is something to which NSW Coaching Director David Lee may have to address himself.

While attending a coaching course at Lilleshall, England's equivalent to Parklea,

them internationals

David why not have your secretary personally invite pro players to your next full badge course?

I am sure they would come. Especially if the course was attended by tutors who the players considered they could respect and learn from.

People, such as Casey de Bruin, who have done it all

Eddie Thomson (notwithstanding his new status) Len McKendry, Frank Arok, Les Scheinflug, Raul Blan-

co, Bert Mariani, plus



David Lee (left), Casey de Bruin and Eddie Thomson at the Parklea coaching course.

man, he never played for Canterbury-Marwickville, the NSW State League Division 1 club which he coached two years ago

Last year he coached Fourth Division Cyprus United and did not play either. Neither will he play for Fairfield City, which was music to my ears. However, he has a goal to become a full-time coach, and that should make him an extremely difficult opponent off the field.

He has attended coaching courses in other countries, including his own and was pleased with the standard he encountered at Parklea.

It was as good, in some cases better, than those he had attended overseas — which was a pleasant surprise to him.

Top

The level 3 soccer coaching course is the top of the tree in Australia and equips Australian coaches to teach to National League level

You live-in for a week and at the end of it, probably carrying injuries if you have not prepared physically for it you go back to your club where periodically you will be assessed throughout the season to determine your progress.

If satisfactory you get your full coaching badge.

I was disappointed to see only Vince Estavillo and Alan Griffiths (ex-Marconi), of our top professionals on the course.

It was good to see people from Orange.

available
There is room for both types of tutors and more than just two tutors on a six-day live-in course.

Some years ago when recent National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, first arrived in this country, I was on his coaching staff for the first course he put on

Pros

Some 80 attended, almost half of them professionals

That number has seldom if ever been duplicated since and the main reason so few professional players have attended in recent years is according to David the lack of experience of 90 percent of the coaching staff

Currently, about 90 percent of what is taught on the senior badge courses are on-field team skills (named functional and phase practises in the coaching jargon).

However, a National League, or State League coach, indeed any coach needs to have much more knowledge than just how to teach them skills.

He needs to know how to assess an individual player; his strengths and weaknesses, which position would best suit him, his



Vince Estavillo personality type

The coach needs to know how to get teams fit, how to know what are the best tactics for handling a top team, or conversely a bottom team; what tactics to employ on a windy day, or a wet day.

How does a coach handle his committee, his players, his other coaches

Market

How do you handle the transfer market? How do you handle difficult players, how do you handle the committee men.

How do you motivate your men? What approach do you take at half-time? How do you develop team spirit?

These are some of the problems that face a soccer coach

The Aroks' Rises. Thomsans' Blances have been solving them day in, day out for decades

Would not their general experience be invaluable to rookie coaches, along with the development of team skills?

I hope the Guru of Parklea will use these people more often than his predecessors as he seeks to take NSW soccer coaching on an upward spiral during this decade



David Lee (left) and Casey de Bruin put the Level 3 coaching applicants through their paces.

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APOLOGY

THIS newspaper has received a request for an apology from a solicitor acting for Soccer Star Publications, a Victorian soccer newspaper.

The cause for the request is a "Chit Chat" column comment included in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY of September 20, 1989 which included the statement: "A Melbourne publication, Soccer Star, has ceased publication."

We are quite happy to apologise for inclusion of this sentence, in that it proved to be incorrect in the event.

We have certainly no wish to misinform about any publication, and that fact can be clearly seen by examining ASW and its general policy right through from its commencement in 1980.

In fairness to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY we wish to go on record and say we are fully aware of the source of the sentence noted above.

Similarly, in our opinion, the Soccer Star editor, Mr Les Shorrick, should be just as aware of this position, and of other matters that were brought to our attention at that time.

It is understood that Soccer Star will recommence on February 1, 1990.



**ALAN CLARK
REVIEWS**
The Soccer Scene
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Foundation S.A.

BORIS Palecka has been appointed assistant coach to former FIFA referee Donald Campbell at Croatia.

The pair are looking for a year of success, with the NSL their ultimate goal in the next season or two.

STEVE Meus has stepped down as chairman of USC Lions-Grange because of business commitments.

His role has taken over by former president George Dnistanski.

CROATIA has started its strong recruiting in a bid to make a strong challenge for an NSL place.

It has signed Polish import Wojtek Jagoda and top teenage defender Douglas Paterson.

Jagoda's signing ends a fiasco of moves for him in SA.

He initially was brought to Australia from Legia Warsaw by state League side Campbelltown but clearance difficulties saw him flown back to Poland.

He returned again to join Hellas but apparently did not impress enough to warrant a game.

Now he has his chance with Croatia.

Jagoda, 27, was with the Legia club for 15 years.

Paterson, 17, was in the State elite training squad and trained with

the Joeys as they prepared for the under 16 World Cup finals in Scotland.

SOCER legislators in SA will have to act early in the new year to avoid Adelaide City and Hellas being able to field their NSL sides in next season's Foundation SA State League.

Under present by-laws, SA's big two only can play three players from a Quit National League match card in the next State League game.

But, should Hellas and City be in a position where it did not matter what their line-up was in the last QNSL match, they could field a full NSL side in the State League competition.

"Technically, that is correct," said general manager of the SA Soccer Federation, Mike Wells.

"This is one of several anomalies the First Division Management Committee will have to look at early in the new year.

"We shall have to get things fixed by the start of the State League season in March."

MAN of many clubs Norman Lees has been appointed assistant coach of Port Adelaide United.

He will help Arthur Rutte handle affairs at SA's oldest club.

QUEENSLAND

Cutillas rejoins Brisbane City

BY GREG RUSSELL

A new-look Brisbane City has turned to Juan Cutillas to rebuild the club to its former glory.

Cutillas, who guided City to the 1987 XXXX League grand final, has been appointed to the club on a two-year contract, replacing Iain Fagan, who was among five unsuccessful applicants despite indicating late last year he would not seek the position again.

Cutillas, who coached Olympic United for the past 18 months after being sacked as the Lions NSL coach, said he was delighted to be returning to Spencer Park and was approaching the coming season with renewed enthusiasm.

"Next season will be a consolidation year with a policy of developing younger players. The committee will not be disappointed if we just make the five as long as the club has honour on and off the field."

Pennisi is among a host of new directors on the club board following a major upheaval. Long-serving president Sam Pappalardo stood down because of ill-health while equally long-serving secretary John Ponturo has opted to take a break from the code.

The new City president is Vince Calice, who has been a hard-working but low profile member of the City board for many seasons. The new club treasurer is Gino



FRANK MENGOTTI

Tofini.

He believes his decision to leave at the end of 1987 to coach Lions into the NSL had been a mistake.

"To leave was the wrong decision," he said. "Had I waited one more year, I would have gone into the NSL with City. But I was too ambitious."

"My season with Brisbane City was the best time I have had in Queensland soccer and if the club can mobilise all its resources, then it would not surprise if they now reconsidered."

But Cutillas faces a tough task of rebuilding City who last year failed to win a major trophy.

A new City committee has indicated there will be no major buying, either locally or from overseas this

The era of City signing overseas imports has ended," said new club secretary, Angie Pennisi.



Eastern Suburbs' Wayne Corbett and Brisbane City's Neil Greenhalgh in action last season. Their teams are drawn in the same pre-season group.

Pre-season series starts February 10

SIXTEEN clubs have been included in the revised format of the 1990 XXXX pre-season tournament. In addition to the 12 XXXX League clubs, the top four Division Two teams have been included in the draw.

Queensland Soccer Federation president Wallace Dann announced the expansion of the tournament at the drawing of the team groupings at Perry Park Stadium last week.

Mr Dann also stated that the federation is very keen to attract greater interest in this tournament and as a consequence the preliminary rounds had been moved from Perry Park to Acacia Ridge, Brisbane Lions, North Star, Rochedale Rovers, Pine Rivers and Wynnum ground.

The semi-finals and grand final will be played at Perry Park.

Prior to drawing the grouping Mr Ray Phillips, representing XXXX, stated that XXXX are very pleased to continue their sponsorship of Queensland soccer for 1990.

The following groupings were then drawn with the top team in each group being in accordance with their standings in the 1989 XXXX League at the completion of the season.

The groups.

GROUP A: North Star, Redlands United, Olympic United, Brisbane Croatia

GROUP B: Brisbane Lions, Coalstars, Mount Gravatt, Grange Thistle.

GROUP C: Brisbane City, Taringa Rovers, Acacia Ridge, Eastern Suburbs

GROUP D: Pine Rivers, Rochedale Rovers, St Helens United, Wynnum.

— GREG RUSSELL

Crocker is ACT stalwart

TAKE a look at the list of officials for ACT representative soccer teams over the last few years and the chances are you will see the name of Jamie Crocker.

It is usually the last mentioned, sometimes it is left off altogether, but the fact remains its owner has rendered service to the game in the Canberra area longer, and more consistently, than many of those in the headlines.

He is a trainer, a simple name for a specialised and responsible job.

If a player has a problem with his fitness, from a torn muscle to a bleeding nose, it is to Crocker he turns.

And yet it was little more than a decade ago that soccer squads would head off for a week of intensive competition at national championships with a coach, a manager and very little else.

Back in the late 1970s former ACT director of coaching Les Bee perceived the need to have a specialist to treat the bumps, bruises and more serious complaints that every player has from time to time.

It was to Crocker, then youth coach at Belconnen United, that he turned.

"He asked me to look after the ACT under 18 side at the 1978 titles and I have been doing it ever since under Les and his successors, Mark Brogan and Steve Darby," he said.

"And I've also branched out, at one time or another, to the other age groups, as well as the territory's schoolboys' team."

"The schools championships were incredible in the early years — until quite recently none of the other states bothered to take trainers and there were weeks when I treated players from every state. It was like being responsible for 160 players rather than 16."

But even that labour can't satisfy his appetite. He admits he joined the staff at the Australian Institute of Sport (he is second chef in the kitchen) in order to help with the Institute team.

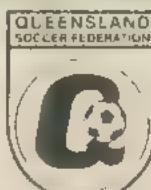
"I saw it as my chance to get involved at a decent level of the game" — and he has been the AIS trainer since 1985.

"In addition, I have been able to do some work with the national youth team and the under 16s when they come into training camps here."

He began in the days when there were no formal qualifications for his work. "But I read books and papers and attended lectures on the subject."

— GRAHAM COOKE

QUEENSLAND SOCCER FEDERATION



The Queensland Soccer Federation wishes to appoint a Director of Coaching for the Rockhampton Region.

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Lusitanos to be competitive

BY PAUL GOODMAN

THERE will be no fewer than three Portuguese-backed sides in the Second Division in the upcoming season and the latest of these to reach this level is the highly rated Petersham Lusitanos club.

The Lusitanos Sports and Social Club in Leichhardt is less than 10 years old but is right behind the team in its quest for top honours.

It has been a meteoric rise for a side which was playing Inter-Urban Third Division football only two years ago.

The history of the club began when a group of enthusiastic Portuguese cyclists in the Petersham area decided to form the Petersham Cycling Club and sought a licensed club for their members.

When the old A.R.D.C. Club at 360 Norton Street, Leichhardt became available in 1980 the members branched out into other activities, including those games which could be played on the premises.



PETERSHAM LUSITANOS

NSW Soccer Federation was made immediately but Petersham was advised to gain experience in their local district competition first.

Admission to the Southern and Eastern Districts First Division was granted that same year and the club, on the strength of success by fellow Portuguese clubs Dulwich Hill, Madeira and Rosebery Portugal in the Premier

Recruit

Moving into the reconstituted Division 5, it won the 1984 premiership and held ground in inter-urban Division 4 for a couple of seasons.

Before last season got under way the administration dispensed with its Portuguese coach and recruited former Gladesville striker David Naylor in his stead.

The team's style underwent a transformation as the club took up its new position in Federation League 4, aided by a take-over of the position held by the unfinancied Chelsea.

Gone was the Latin-flavoured individualised play favoured by his predecessor and new man at the helm Naylor replaced that with the more disciplined approach practised by the players recruited largely from Naylor's old club Gladesville.

The slower pace of the Fourth Division game was a welcome change for the former Second Division men, but as a result of their success they are now back in the much stronger competition they are more familiar with.

Naylor himself suffered serious injuries during the year, Achilles tendon damage keeping the 28 year-old out of the side in another factor limiting his involvement on the field.

New skipper David Kevem stepped into the stopper's position and marshalled the defence well in a season which yielded 34 points and a well earned premiership with a two-point winning margin over fierce rivals Hajduk Rangers.

The defence only conceded 14 goals and with

so many ex-Second Division players in the side they should handle the class rise with little difficulty.

Kevem is expected to return to his customary full back spot this year.

The club has secured its Second Division position at the expense of the unfortunate Fairy Meadow, whose place the Petersham club has purchased.

As the club won the Fourth Division at the first attempt another strong showing can be expected and the six Portuguese derby games this year are bound to attract good attendance.

Excellent

Home games will be played at Erskineville Oval, a ground with excellent spectator and player facilities. With Rosebery playing at the Sydney Athletic Field and Dulwich Hill now reportedly to play at Arlington Oval, the expected big crowds for these clashes can be accommodated with ease.

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Last season's Player of the Year was popular 26-year-old Cecil Chatfield, a man with a powerful shot whose scoring form has pleased the loyal following of supporters immensely.

Former Gladesville-Hornsey players in the squad include goalkeeper Van der Leeden, defender Pat Sullivan and Paul Cullinan, while striker Keith Rodwell and Danny Zanotta were former Gladesville Ravens, another club where Naylor played.

Others in the line-up are flame-haired former Ku-ring-gai winger Robbie Lowe, Mark Baldwin and Tim Harrison.

Assisting Naylor with the coaching duties this year will be Peter Marscham, another ex-Gladesville man, a teacher who will look after the Under 19s, relieving Naylor who handled both jobs last term.

The club under president Vital Goncalves and co-founder Manuel Goncalves is well organised, with Tony Elias and Roy Nunes looking after the soccer administration in an enthusiastic committee.

New era for Juventus

JUVENTUS has been given the go-ahead to run teams in the ACT junior League.

The decision, taken at a league meeting, marks the end of a long struggle by the ACT First Division side — one of the oldest in the competition — to be allowed to run junior teams.

Its application has been opposed by some Junior League members in the past because of the fear they might lose players to the new outfit.

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"We are applying for Narrabundah Oval as a training area and the senior players have agreed to help with coaching."

— GRAHAM COOKE



Petersham Lusitanos in action in Division 4.

Since cycling and soccer are both professional sports in Portugal and club members' enthusiasm for the round ball code was always high, it was a natural progression for the club to form a soccer team.

Nowadays the cycling division has been disbanded, but soccer goes from strength to strength.

The club chose the colours of red and white striped shirts, white shorts and striped socks, principally because the Portuguese colours of red and green were already taken by Rosebery.

Application for membership of the

Division of that district, was allowed to bypass the Second Division of a three division set-up.

After a series of good results the club moved into the Premier Division, but due to a mix-up they found themselves alone in the local competition when the other clubs were invited to join the Federation in 1982.

According to club publicist, John Lourenco, the Federation intended to extend the welcome to Lusitanos who had first approached them in 1980, but could only make contact with the other Portuguese outfits and they snapped up the

PERSONALITY PLAYER



JULIE MURRAY (Weston Creek)

NAME: Julie Murray

BIRTHDATE: 28.4.70

CLUB: Weston Creek (Canberra)

STATE ASSOCIATION: Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

PREFERRED POSITION: Striker

OCCUPATION: Recreation management and child care worker.

MOST ADMIRE PLAYERS: Theresa McCann, Julie Dolan and Maradona.

BIGGEST THRILL IN SOCCER: Playing for Australia the first time.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: ACT defeating NSW schoolgirls in 1987.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rock and Roll

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese

OTHER INTERESTS: Softball

QUALIFICATIONS: Level 1 Soccer and Life Saving

AMBITION: To play in the inaugural Women's World Cup

Julie made her debut for the ACT in national championships in 1982. Her record to date is as follows.

Year	State representation	National selection
1982	ACT 17	U15 — no tour
1983	ACT U15, U17 & open	U15 and women's squads — no tour
1984	ACT U15, U17 & open	women's squad — not chosen for team
1985	ACT U17 & open	women's squad — NZ tour
1986	ACT open age (women's)	women's squad — Taiwan tour
1987	ACT open age	women's squad — China tour
1988	ACT open age	women's squad — Oceania Cup and Japan tour
1989		

Julie has been the leading goalscorer in the ACT Women's Soccer Association First Division since 1987 (26 in 15 1989 league games) and has played in 17 international games where she scored four goals.

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NSL Cup draw

MIDWEEK summer soccer comes to the Quit National Soccer League next month in the form of the NSL Cup which kicks off on Wednesday, 7th February, 1990.

The first round sees six matches played on a regional basis, with Apia Leichhardt and Blacktown City being given byes.

The League has also taken the step of issuing the draws for Round 2 and 3 rather than doing this at the completion of each round.

Although dates and venues have been set for Round 1, details of future rounds will be arranged once participants are known in an attempt to avoid clubs potentially meeting in League and Cup matches within the space of a few days.

The date of the Cup final will be determined following finalisation of discussions with ABC Television who are seeking to broadcast the match in full.

Scheduling problems within the ABC have prevented the original date of April 25th from being used.

The League will be closely monitoring the level of crowds for these midweek matches with a view to scheduling some Quit National Soccer League matches on Wednesday nights during next season's summer months.

This could also be the last time in which the Cup is played as a midweek format.

The League is considering plans to provide the knockout competition with its own playing period, as a pre-season competition.

It is also planning to hold discussions with the ASF to consider possible expansion of the Cup to include State Federation Clubs, along the lines of the FA Cup.

The full draw is as follows:

ROUND 1

Wednesday, February 7: Match B — Melbourne Croatia v Preston Olympic Park 8pm, Match D — Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic St George Stadium 7.30pm

Wednesday, February 14: Match A — Adelaide City v Adelaide Hellas Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm, Match C — Sunshine GC v South Melbourne Olympic Park 8pm, Match E — St George RSC v Sydney City v St George Stadium 7.30pm

Wednesday, February 21: Match F — Marconi v Wollongong City Marconi Stadium 7.30pm.

Byes Apia Leichhardt, Blacktown City.

Dates and venues to be announced: Match G — Winner 'B' v Winner 'A', Match H — Winner 'F' v Apia Leichhardt, Match I — Winner 'C' v Blacktown City, Match J — Winner 'E' v Winner 'D'.

ROUND 2

Dates and venues to be announced: Match K — Winner 'G' v Winner 'T', Match L — Winner 'H' v Winner 'J'.

ROUND 3

Dates and venues to be announced: Match K — Winner 'G' v Winner 'T', Match L — Winner 'H' v Winner 'J'.



FINAL
Date and venue to be announced.

Commonwealth Bank U12 Centenary Cup

NOMINATIONS are hereby called from Associations wishing to enter a team to represent them in the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Centenary Cup for 12 year old age group players.

The tournament will take place on 17 to 20 April, 1990 and will be held at Cromer Park, South Creek Road, Dee Why.

The host Association is the Manly-Warringah Soccer Association Inc. with the secretary Syd Russell also taking on the role of tournament manager.

He may be contacted on (02) 982-6577 at the Association Office or (02) 997-1226 after hours.

Billeting requirements should be notified to the tournament manager as early as possible.

Nominations for entry close on February 23, 1990 and should be addressed to Bill Cullinan, Competition Secretary, using the attached nomination form.

In order to increase the prestige of this import tournament, entries are also being sought from Tasmania, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Victoria.

A copy of the competition rules will be issued with the draw and in the General Information Handbook 1990.

NOMINATION FORM COMMONWEALTH BANK CENTENARY CUP 1990

AGE:	12 year old age group
ELIGIBILITY:	Association representative teams — NSWASF or invited Federations only
VENUE:	Cromer Park, South Creek Road, Dee Why
HOST ASSOCIATION:	Manly Warringah Soccer Association Inc
TOURNAMENT MANAGER:	Syd Russell (02) 982 6577 Association Office (02) 997 1226 After Hours
DATES	17 to 20 April 1990
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	23 February 1990
ENTRY FEE	NIL
The Association wishes to nominate a Representative Team for the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Centenary Cup	
COLOURS:	Shirt Shorts Socks
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TELEPHONE BH. AH
SIGNED (Association Secretary)
DATE
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Top Coaching videos available

NSW State Director of Coaching David Lee recommends the

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Whilst addressed to coaches generally and not to soccer coaches only Lee says that this West Australian Department of Sports and Recreation project is extremely valuable for newcomers.

The first video covers

the following topics:

1. The roles that the coach must play
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Other videos deal with the following subjects:

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- File 5. Coaches on

coaching

All videos cost \$32 including postage, and run for 25-28 minutes.

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A \$10.00 postage and handling fee is required for each book from the Muscle Maintenance Manual which deals with flexibility training to improve performance and prevent injury.

Published by Kangaroo Press, it costs \$7.60 including postage for the paperback edition.



Today's picture is of NSW Amateur Soccer Federation secretary, Frank Wilson, who has been in the position for his sixth of the last seven years. In addition he has been the physiotherapist for State junior representative teams. From 1969 to 1984 he served as secretary of the Gladesville-Hornsby Association for a record 15 year term. He comes from a line of soccer administrators. Both his father Bill and his uncle served terms as secretary of the NSW Junior Soccer Football Association, the predecessor of the present body.

Chilean physio

PATRICIO Miranda Scott, an impeccably credentialled Chilean physiotherapist, has settled in Australia and would like to get involved with soccer in Australia.

He has been closely connected with the top clubs in Chile and has worked with Chile's national team.

A fully qualified journalist, university graduate Scott, who is 34 years old, has also written for leading South American newspapers.

Mr Scott, now a resident of Australia, would be an invaluable acquisition to any Australian club.

He can be contacted at his current address 4/80 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay, 2011

1974 FLASHBACK



Jim Mackay, one of the great Socceroo midfielders of the 1970s, in action. The Socceroos played a trial to open the then new Buffalo Oval at Holy Cross College, Ryde. The Australian team, under coach Rale Rasic, was the only Australian side ever to qualify for the World Cup finals. Pictured behind Mackay is another of Australia's greatest stars of the era, John Watkiss.

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HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (BRAZIL 1950)

several local players to please the crowd, but Switzerland proved no easy opponents and Brazil were booed off after the Swiss had squared the match at 2-2 a few minutes before time.

With an in-form Yugoslavia having produced two convincing wins over Switzerland and Mexico, Brazil had to win in Rio to qualify.

Zizinho played his

shape of Sweden.

English coach George Raynor had rebuilt the 1948 Olympic winners with players such as Hasse Jeppson and Nacka Skoglund.

Italy, with managerial and selection rows and still suffering from the Torino club's air crash of 1949, were unsettled, but managed to take the lead through their captain, Carapallese, in

\$20,000 a man even if they drew, which would give them the trophy.

But they knew as well as anyone that Uruguay were their 'bogey' team. And so it proved.

Yet early on it was all Brazil, who for 45 minutes pounded an iron Uruguayan defence superbly controlled by Varela and with Maspoli in remarkable form in goal.



Larry Gaetjens, the scorer of the US goal that beat England, is carried in triumph after the historic victory at the Belo Horizonte.

first match and scored the second goal in the 2-0 win.

The sensations were reserved for Group 2.

In their opening game at Maracana, England had a laboured win over a Chile side that included George Robledo, the Newcastle United star at centre-forward. Mortensen and Mannion got the goals.

At Curitiba the Americans aroused memories of 1930 by taking the lead against Spain and holding it until 10 minutes from time before going down to goals from Basora (2) and Zarra.

The same players then scored one each against Chile in Rio to give Spain maximum points from two games.

Huge Upset

Meanwhile, up at Belo Horizonte, there occurred one of the biggest upsets in the history of international football: England were beaten 1-0 by the United States — and despite all the excuses beaten fair and square.

Thus England had to beat Spain handsomely in Rio to keep in the hunt, but it was all to no avail: Milburn's 14th-minute goal was disallowed for offside, and Spain won with a header from Zarra in the second half.

Chile beat the Americans 5-2 in Recife to emphasize England's plight.

Giant-killers emerged from Group 3 in the

front of a Sao Paulo crowd full of Italo-Brazilians.

The Swedes retaliated with three goals, two of them by Jeppson, and though Muccinelli pulled one back, Italy had lost.

Sweden could only draw 2-2 with Paraguay at Curitiba, but Italy's 2-0 win over the South Americans at Sao Paulo three days later put Sweden through.

Humbled

In the fourth group, if that was what it was, Uruguay humbled Bolivia 8-0 at Belo Horizonte, with four goals coming from Juan Schiavino.

The final pool thus comprised two seeds, Brazil and Uruguay, with Sweden and Spain.

Brazil opened at Rio by swamping Sweden 7-1, and received a bonus the same day when Uruguay, their obvious rivals, were held to a 2-2 draw by Spain at Sao Paulo.

Spain travelled up to Rio to face Brazil, and were beaten 6-1.

At Sao Paulo Uruguay came from behind twice to beat Sweden, but having won through with goals from Ghiggia and Miguez (2), they had to beat Brazil to win the World Cup.

For the 'final' on July 16, nearly 200,000 squeezed into the unfinished Maracana Stadium, despite only 150,000 tickets being sold.

Brazil were 1-10 favourites, and were on

POOL 1

BRAZIL v MEXICO	4-0
YUGOSLAVIA v SWITZERLAND	3-0
YUGOSLAVIA v MEXICO	4-1
BRAZIL v SWITZERLAND	2-2
BRAZIL v YUGOSLAVIA	2-0
SWITZERLAND v MEXICO	2-1

POINTS TABLE

BRAZIL	3 2 1 0 8-2 5
YUGOSLAVIA	3 2 0 1 7-3 4
SWITZERLAND	3 1 1 1 4-6 3
MEXICO	3 0 0 3 2-10 0

POOL 2

SPAIN v USA	3-1
ENGLAND v CHILE	2-0
USA v ENGLAND	1-0
SPAIN v ENGLAND	1-0
CHILE v USA	5-2
SPAIN v CHILE	2-0

POINTS TABLE

SPAIN	3 3 0 0 6-1 6
ENGLAND	3 1 0 2 2-2 2
CHILE	3 1 0 2 5-6 2
USA	3 1 0 2 4-8 2

POOL 3

SWEDEN v ITALY	3-2
SWEDEN v PARAGUAY	2-2
ITALY v PARAGUAY	2-0

POINTS TABLE

SWEDEN	2 1 1 0 5-4 3
ITALY	2 1 0 1 4-3 2
PARAGUAY	2 0 1 1 2-4 1

POOL 4

URUGUAY v BOLIVIA	8-0
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POINTS TABLE

URUGUAY	1 1 0 0 8-0 2
BOLIVIA	1 0 0 1 0-8 0

FINAL POOL MATCHES

URUGUAY v SPAIN	2-2
BRAZIL v SWEDEN	7-1
URUGUAY v SWEDEN	3-2
BRAZIL v SPAIN	6-1
SWEDEN v SPAIN	3-1
URUGUAY v BRAZIL	2-1

URUGUAY: Maspoli, M. Gonzales, Tejera, Gambetta, Varela, Andrade, Ghiggia, Perez, Miguez, Schiavino, Moran.

BRAZIL: Barbosa, Augusto, Juvenal, Bauer, Danilo, Bigode, Friaca, Zizinho, Ademir, Jair, Chico.

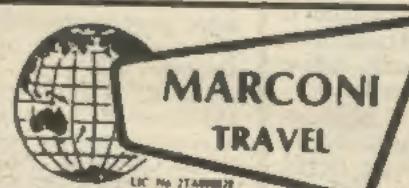
SCORERS: Schiavino, Ghiggia for Uruguay, Friaca for Brazil.

REFEREE: Reader (England).

LEADING SCORER: Ademir Marques (Brazil) 9.

POINTS TABLE

URUGUAY	3 2 1 0 7-5 5
BRAZIL	3 2 0 1 14-4 4
SWEDEN	3 1 0 2 6-11 2
SPAIN	3 0 1 2 4-11 1



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West Ham chief ready to resign

THE chairman of West Ham, Len Cearns, will quit over the crisis that has rocked the English Second Division club.

Cearns, who has been in charge of the London outfit for 11 years, will retire and hand over the reins to his son Martin.

"I've been on the board for 42 years, so it would not be unreasonable for me to stand down after all this time," said the 76-year-old, who is a grandson of one of the club's founding members.

Cearns insists his resignation had nothing to



being found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute.

Then came the betting controversy surrounding manager Lou Macari at Swindon and the resignation of coach Mick McGiven after 16 years with the club.

In addition, there have been stories of hotel misadventures involving the first team before the Hammers' recent match with Barnsley and a fight between striker Frank McAvinnie and commercial manager Brian Blower at a club function.

Macari even offered to quit after being charged by the Football Association over the Swindon scandal, but Cearns asked him to stay on and to cap it all off, the club was humbled by Fourth Division Torquay in the FA Cup third round.

MARADONA OK — FIFA

FIFA will not punish Diego Maradona for his allegations that the World Cup draw was fixed, a FIFA spokesman said.

Guido Tognoni said FIFA welcomed the \$A9,750 fine imposed on Maradona by the Italian soccer league and regarded the matter as closed.

"It is right that the Italian league acted ... they did a good job," Tognoni said.

The Italian league's disciplinary commission a fortnight ago announced the fine against the captain of Argentina's national team and Italian League leader Naples.

The tribunal, which judged Maradona because he plays for an Italian team, said the Latin American star had "ridiculed" the Italian organisers of the World Cup by claiming the pairings of the six groups had been decided prior to the official draw in Rome on December 9.

FIFA originally threatened to ban Maradona from the World Cup finals if he repeated the allegations.

FIFA subsequently said it would not initiate any sanctions against the player but would consider joining any disciplinary measures taken by the Italian Federation if requested by Rome.

Tognoni said FIFA was satisfied with the action taken by the Italian league.

"The matter is closed for FIFA," he said.

Bebeto top South American in 1989



BRAZILIAN striker Bebeto has been voted 1989 South American Player of the Year.

The Vasco de Gama star collected 64 votes to finish 22 ahead of countryman Mazinho, the fullback of the national team who also plays for Vasco.

Nacional Medellin's Colombian international goalkeeper Rene Higuita was third and Uruguayan midfielder Ostalaza a distant fourth.

South America's Team of 1989 was: Higuita (Colombia), Mazinho (Brazil), Simon (Argentina), De Leon (Uruguay), Dominguez (Uruguay), Ostalaza (Uruguay), Batista (Argentina).

Aguinaga (Ecuador), Bochini (Argentina), Bebeto (Brazil), Alfaro Moreno (Argentina).

The poll is conducted annually by Uruguay's EL PAIS newspaper and only considers players operating in South American clubs.

The Coach of the Year is Sebastiao Lazaroni, of Brazil, who received just one more vote than runner-up Francisco Maturana of Colombia.

Brazilian Romualdo Arpi Filho was chosen as South American Referee of the Year.



FRANK RIJKAARD — his Dutch team is Number One in Europe.

Eusebio visits Mother Teresa



FORMER Portuguese World Cup star Eusebio has called on Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa at her residence in Calcutta.

"May God bless you", the Roman Catholic nun told the hero of Portugal's 1966 World Cup campaign who was crowned European Footballer of the Year in 1965.

Eusebio, who was in India for the opening ceremony of the Nehru Cup, stayed with Mother Teresa for 15 minutes.

Holland was Number One

HOLLAND has been ranked as Europe's top national team for 1989 — for the third consecutive year — by the authoritative FRANCE FOOTBALL.

The Dutch were unbeaten last year until December 20 when they lost 1-0 to Brazil.

FRANCE FOOTBALL's choice is a controversial one because Belgium, England, West Germany and Eire ranked below the Dutch did not taste defeat last year.

Those are the rankings for Europe's 33 national teams:

- 1 Holland
- 2 Belgium
- 3 Eire
- 4 Spain
- 5 Yugoslavia
- 6 England
- 7 West Germany
- 8 Czechoslovakia
- 9 Italy
- 10 Sweden
- 11 USSR
- 12 Denmark
- 13 Romania
- 14 France
- 15 Scotland
- 16 Portugal
- 17 Austria
- 18 Poland
- 19 East Germany
- 20 Norway
- 21 Turkey
- 22 Hungary
- 23 Switzerland
- 24 Greece
- 25 Iceland
- 26 Finland
- 27 Bulgaria
- 28 Wales
- 29 Albania
- 30 Northern Ireland
- 31 Malta
- 32 Luxembourg
- 33 Cyprus



Pele predicts top class World Cup

PELE predicted this year's World Cup in Italy would be marked by top-quality play and picked six favourites.

Pele told the Rio daily newspaper "Jornal do Brasil" that the tournament would be special because a large number of the world's top stars — including many from powerhouses Brazil, Holland and Germany — play for Italian teams during the regular season.

"The main attractions are well known to the Italian fans. The stars will be battling to affirm their level of play, on the same stage but wearing another shirt," Pele said.

He said the participation of superstars such as Careca of Brazil, Maradona of Argentina, and Gullit of Holland would ensure a "beautiful tournament".

Pele pointed to Brazil, Italy, Argentina, Holland, West Germany and the Soviet Union as pre-tournament favourites.

"Brazil has a very high quality team with players experienced in European soccer. They know a good performance in Italy

will guarantee new contracts," he said.

He said Brazil would have to utilise its speed and play aggressively.

"It's important to use speed to attack and to have midfielders

again."

Pele said the Soviet Union, which will compete along with Argentina in Group B during opening round play, is also a top contender.

"They have an ex-



PELE — looking forward to a successful World Cup.

that move to the front . . . if we're able to do that, we'll come close to winning the title," Pele said.

Pele, who led Brazil to the world championship in 1958, 1962 and 1970, is now an adviser to the national team.

He said defending champion Argentina had not been playing well in its exhibition games but, "if Maradona is at his peak, they'll be strong

cellent team. They work hard and can attack with a number of different players," he said.

He said Italy, the only other three-time champion besides Brazil, had a big edge because it would be playing in front of its fans.

"They haven't been playing very well in their exhibition games but they should improve during the Cup. Their fans are a big help. Italians are soc-



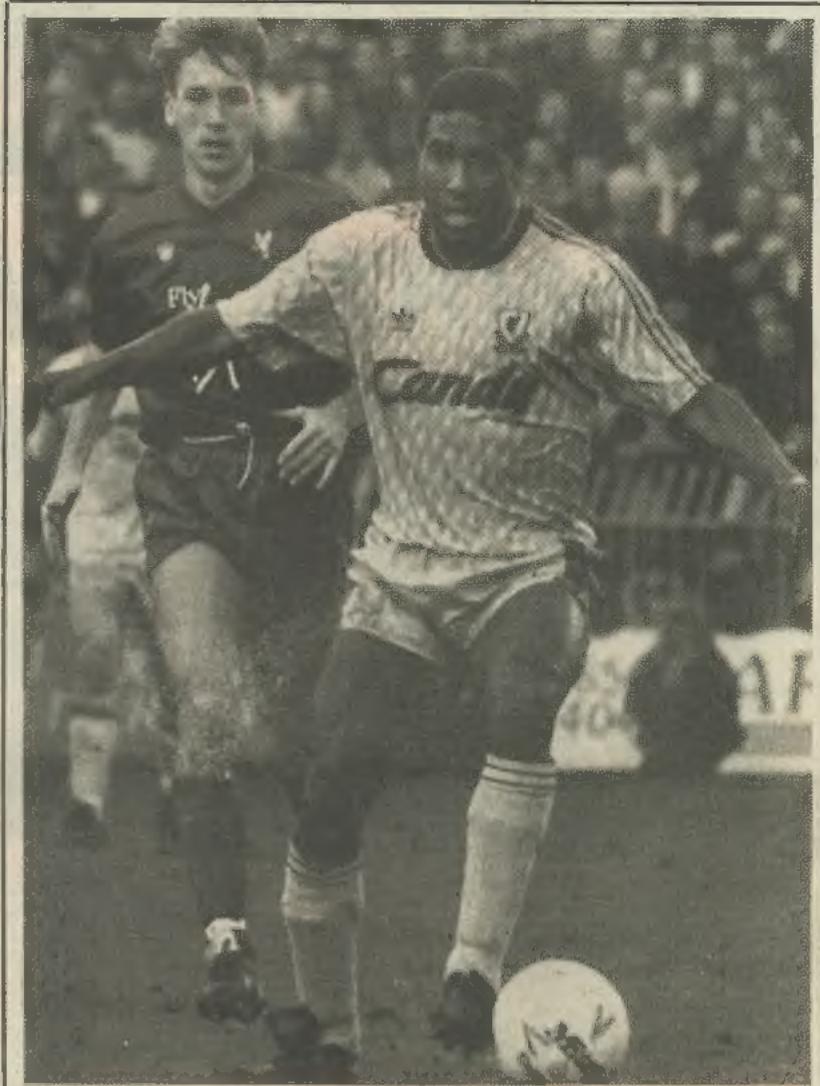
cer fanatics, they barrack hard during the whole game," Pele said.

Pele said Holland would be hard to beat if all their players — particularly Gullit, who has been hobbled by injuries — were in top shape.

Pele also said West Germany could take the Cup.

"They have an excellent coach, Franz Beckenbauer, and play modern soccer. Their midfield is perfect," he said.

PAUL Gascoigne, Tottenham's controversial midfield star, will be out of action for five to six weeks after cracking a bone in his left forearm in a controversial incident during Spurs' 0-0 draw at Coventry.



Barnes in action . . . Liverpool striker John Barnes on the ball during the 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park

Charlton's "no" to England job

JACK Charlton's name has already been put forward in certain soccer circles as a successor to England boss Bobby Robson.

But big Jack, an Irish folk hero, says in typical no-nonsense fashion: "I certainly would not be interested in the job today."

"I did make an application for the position of England manager a few years ago but I didn't even get a reply from Lancaster Gate."

The Top 40 clubs in Western Europe

LYNTON Guest, a journalist with England's DAILY TELEGRAPH, has computed a list of Europe's top 40 clubs of the modern era since the inception of the European Cup in 1955.

Guest only considered Western European clubs as it was impossible to gather any information on the financial set-up of former Iron Curtain clubs.

To rank his clubs, he established three primary categories.

1. FINANCES, whose importance accounts for 30 percent of total points;



EUROPE'S RICHEST

AC Milan is the richest club in Europe, according to a detailed survey by Lynton Guest of London's DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The survey is based on the budgets and salaries paid by the professional Western European clubs.

Italian clubs occupy five spots in the Top 10, Spanish clubs three and French sides two.

1 AC MILAN

2 BARCELONA

3 MARSEILLE

4 NAPOLI

5 INTER MILAN

6 REAL MADRID

7 JUVENTUS

8 AS ROMA

9 BORDEAUX

10 ATLETICO

MADRID

Clubs	Finances	Results	Stadium	Points	Average Mark
1. Milan AC	1	2	1	424,80	84,96
2. Barcelona	2	5	3	388,28	77,65
3. Real Madrid	6	1	15	320,53	64,11
4. Inter Milan	5	13	1	320	64
5. Atletico Md.	10	21	4	282,50	56,50
6. Juventus	7	4	7	276	55,20
7. Benfica	11	12	8	245,95	49,19
8. Bayern Mun	23	6	9	226,05	45,21
9. Napoli	4	25	16	191,80	38,36
10. AS Roma	8	29	5	190,60	38,12
11. Glasg. Rang	12	18	12	170,10	34,02
12. Valencia	21	9	13	166,70	33,34
13. Liverpool	13	7	—	165,95	33,19
14. Fiorentina	16	26	10	138,80	27,76
15. Ajax Amsterd	—	3	21	137,55	27,51
16. Porto	14	18	20	126,65	25,33
17. PSV Eindh	25	11	24	104,90	20,98
18. Sampdoria	20	34	11	99,50	19,90
19. Sporting L	15	24	21	97,60	19,52
20. Anderlecht	—	8	28	96,90	19,38
21. Manch. United	17	15	—	94,90	18,98
22. Hamburg SV	35	10	23	94,10	18,82
23. Marseille	3	—	—	68	13,80
24. Bordeaux	9	36	30	66,50	13,30
25. Austria Vienna	34	31	14	64,60	12,92
26. Everton	28	17	—	59	11,80
27. Monaco	19	—	1	56,50	11,30
28. Celtic	26	23	26	56,45	11,29
29. Tottenham H.	32	14	—	55,50	11,10
30. Arsenal	22	27	29	46	9,20
31. Moenchengl	—	19	—	41,35	8,37
32. Paris-SG	27	—	18	41	8,20
33. Ath. Bilbao	18	39	26	40,85	8,17
34. Goteborg	—	20	—	38,45	7,69
35. Feyenoord	—	22	30	38,05	7,61
36. Panathinaikos	29	37	17	37	7,40
37. Olympiakos	24	33	—	23,65	4,73
38. Zaragoza	29	28	—	21,50	4,30
39. FC Kolin	—	30	25	12,60	2,52
40. Galatasaray	31	35	—	9,10	1,82



TOP TEN STADIA

THE top 10 stadiums of Western European clubs, according to the DAILY TELEGRAPH's Lynton Guest:

- 1 Louis II Stadium — Monaco
- 2 Nou Camp — Barcelona
- 3 San Siro — Milan
- 4 Olympic Stadium — Munich
- 5 Stadio Olimpico — Rome
- 6 San Paolo — Napoli
- 7 Comunale — Juventus, Turin
- 8 Luigi Ferraris — Sampdoria, Genoa
- 9 Ibrox — Glasgow Rangers
- 10 Bernabeu — Real Madrid



Franco Baresi (right) of AC Milan

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